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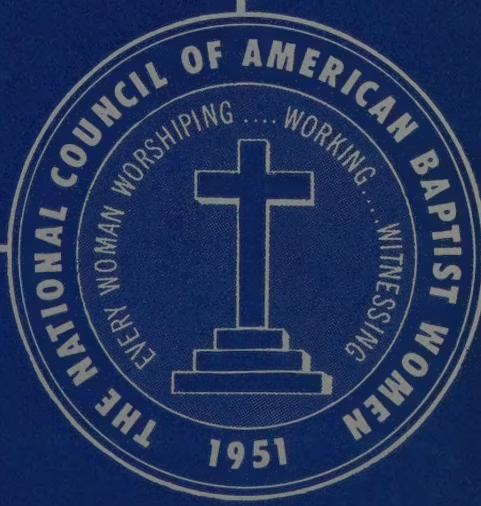

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Reporting—A Spring Tonic?

"Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city . . . and see how they do," are the words spoken to Barnabas by Paul in Acts 15:36. These words express Paul's concern for all whose lives have touched his in the Master's work. Just as sincerely, the National Council of American Baptist Women, with the aid of the *Annual Report Book*, says, "Let us go again and visit our sisters in every city in our American Baptist Convention, and see how they do." As regularly as springtime, comes the call to report!

In the "good old days," conscientious mothers administered a spring tonic. Asafetida bags and sassafras tea were two stand-bys. These tonics were accepted by everyone. They were "good for you," and that was that! Only recently did I learn the intended purpose of these two spring tonics. At the tag end of a long, strength-sapping winter, nerves are jittery, resistance low. Asafetida is said to have a sedative effect upon the nervous system! Sassafras is said to have the power to increase perspiration which helps the body to throw off germs.

When officers and chairmen get *together* to make out reports, the *togetherness* has the same effect as an asafetida bag and nervousness disappears. Taking the annual reports line by line, faithful leaders answer the questions—thinking—praying—remembering—*together* the activities of their group. Of course each leader has double-checked her report form during the year and has carefully kept a record of all achievement.

Time and time again we must remind ourselves that the busy hours are filled, not with "busy work" but with God's business. Each responsibility has a reason, a purpose! The wonder of it is that God has entrusted his work to us. We have voluntarily labeled ourselves his followers, his friends, his witnesses. He forces himself upon no one.

God is not static. In our bodies and in nature we see his active creative plan. More wonderfully, however, is it revealed through our minds and hearts when we allow him to stir us, disrupt our routine, our prosaic ways, and our selfish, narrow thinking. In the spring, how stimulating is reporting! What a tonic!

Why do some of us try to dodge report time? Could it be that we are attempting to evade the discipline of concentrated thought? Or could it be that we want to veil our careless work from exposure? We neglected to read—to give—to do—to pray—to count. Figures, or the lack of them, in reports are so public! Are we striving to conceal our careless work or neglect from our own sight? To build an acceptable report in God's sight means more than mere wishing.

"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it." [1]

Do we not all truly *wish* that our Christian influence shall reach even unto the uttermost parts of the earth? The first ripple of any Christian influence must begin and widen at our own doorsteps. *Our* Woman's Society and circle reports are a personal spring checkup of our part in the Baptist world mission. They should stimulate as does a tonic!

Surely when we read the total state and national annual report figures, our hearts swell with thanksgiving. So many thousands of dollars in Love Gift, so many thousands of pounds of White Cross, so many bodies healed, minds enlightened, missionaries sent, souls saved! Our circle or society helped to make all this possible. We tried to do our part.

When an officer or chairman fails to report, the national picture of the work of earnest, missionary-minded Baptist women is incomplete, distorted, inaccurate, and not true. We all need the encouragement of Christian fellowship, and co-operation on a wider scale than it is possible to gain from our local society only. At report time our efforts are summarized and tabulated and our vision is broadened.

Once again it's spring, and that means reporting time. As members of the National Council of American Baptist Women we are eager to see what has been accomplished by all American Baptist women worshiping, working, and witnessing together. This year let *every* Woman's Society—every officer and chairman—report and be counted.

"Let us go again . . . and see how they do."

[1] Stanza 71 from the Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám.

To the Presidents

From: HELEN STUBER (Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber)
National President
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Emphases for 1960-1961

For the presidents there are six emphases—or goals—for the program year 1960-1961:

1. Seek spiritual growth and sustenance through daily devotional reading and prayer.

An important portion of the work of the Kingdom has been placed in our hands. It is promised that if we ask, we shall receive; if we seek, we shall find; and with Him are strength and wisdom.

2. Keep informed by reading denominational materials such as *Missions, Crusader, Baptist Leader,* your state paper, and THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

3. Provide for division meetings at the time of board meetings and arrange for the divisions to report to the board.

4. Work on the committee to set up, in your Woman's Society, groups for Depth Bible Study.

Depth Bible Study is our special emphasis in connection with the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, when we are considering "The Renewal of the Church and the Mission in the Local Church."

5. Seek to discover and develop leadership qualities within the membership of your society.

In a democratic group each person has a contribution to make. Try to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels at ease, where ideas may flow freely and leadership qualities may be developed.

6. Encourage your society to co-operate both with other Baptist groups and with United Church Women.

Achieving Goals

Emphases—or goals—for the presidents total six for 1960-1961. Undoubtedly, however, there are other goals which *you* will want to add.

Some of these goals cannot be achieved in one year. They must be kept before us continually. It is important, however, that we accept goals for ourselves in order to give purpose and direction to the work which we are trying to do.

In addition to the six goals presented for 1960-1961, each one will want to refer to the president's page of the *Leader's Guide* which should be on file in the president's workbook.

Reports

The preparation of reports—whether income tax or annual reports for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society—does not, as a rule, generate much pleasurable excitement. There is always a penalty for not filing such reports. In the case of the Woman's Society it is this: Your church, your association, and your state are not given the recognition which they have earned.

Reports can be exciting when they reveal that real progress is being made in the tasks which we have set for ourselves to accomplish. Reports for 1959-1960 will be summarized and made public at the annual meeting of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Rochester, New York, on June 1. In order that the reports reveal *all* that has been accomplished by all societies, associations, and states, it is important that deadlines for making reports be observed. Your counterparts will greatly appreciate your thoughtful courtesy.

A suggestion to association presidents: Will each association president please confer with her officers and chairmen regarding the number of organized Woman's Societies in her association so that all will report the *same* number. This is important!

Objectives

In the *Annual Report Book* there are three copies of the "Objectives for a Local Woman's Baptist Mission Society." One copy is to be filled out and passed on to the association president. The second copy is for the president's workbook. The third copy is to be retained in the *Annual Report Book* for reference.

These objectives should be given effective publicity, in order that all the members of the Woman's Society may become familiar with them.

This year there is a new classification: Societies earning fifty-five points are to be given Honorable Mention.

Women as Initiators

Our concept of the role of women in the church has changed in recent years from *women's work in the church* to *women in the church's work.* While we may have been satisfied at one time to initiate some project and keep it within the Woman's Society, now we feel that we can no longer do so. For many years women accepted the responsibility for the missionary program of the church. This limited the interest and participation by the men and others who were not members of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Folk were likely to say: "The women are taking care of that. We do not need to be concerned."

We must always remember that we are a part of the whole church. Some church women, having more time to read denominational and interdenominational literature and to attend more church meetings, thus have greater opportunity than the men of the church to keep more fully informed in regard to church emphases and techniques. These women are in a position to view their own church in the light of this information and to initiate changes that are needed. This should always be done tactfully and through available channels. As in

the home, the woman is often the initiator of much that makes for improvement; so in the church, women should not be hesitant to accept this same role.

Robert Handy, in his book *Members One of Another* says: "God can use broken instruments and broken vessels. But the full witness, which can be brought only by many members working together, is necessary for the nurture of mature Christians." When we keep in mind that the church is the body of Christ and that we are members one of another, then we shall find a new vitality and wholeness in our churches."

Woman's Day

Date: June 2, 1960, is the date of the ninth annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women. The opening hour is 9:30 A.M.

Place: Rochester, New York, the War Memorial Commission Auditorium.

Theme: "That Ye May Know; and Knowing, That Ye May Do."

Morning Session: Election of officers; presentation by the state presidents of gifts for office furniture and equipment for the new offices of the National Council of American Baptist Women at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; address by Mrs. Wade H. McKinney, recently returned from an extensive trip around the world, visiting Baptist mission fields.

Division luncheons: At twelve o'clock, women will gather by divisions in eight different dining halls. The procedure for making reservations for these luncheons will be sent to each local president. Missionaries in attendance at the American Baptist Convention will be guests of the various groups. Programs will, of necessity, be brief as the afternoon session opens at two o'clock.

Afternoon session: Dramatic presentation of the seven areas of "The Renewal of the Church," which is the second-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Several home and foreign missionaries will participate in this program. Music will be furnished by a choir from Keuka College.

The Woman's Luncheon

On Saturday, June 4, there will be two luncheons: one is planned for all the men in attendance at the Convention; the other, for all the women. Since the capacity of the dining hall will limit the number which can be accommodated, you will want to make your reservation early. Local presidents will receive information regarding the procedure for making reservations.

Mrs. William Sale Terrell, president of United Church Women, will be the speaker at the Woman's Luncheon. Mrs. Terrell, an American Baptist, has been active for many years in both denominational and interdenominational work. We are proud to claim Mrs. Terrell as one of our number and we feel fortunate that she can be with us on this occasion.

National Women's Conference

July 9-16 is the week for the 1960 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Mrs. George Armacost, president of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, will speak at the evening forums. The Reverend Charles Andrews, minister of the First Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, will lead the Bible study. Vesper services will be led by Mrs. A. Paul Kreager, national chairman of Spiritual Life. Workshops to train women for various kinds of leadership are also a part of the program.

For leaders in Woman's Societies, this conference is invaluable. We shall hope to see *you* at Green Lake.

May Fellowship Day

"Citizenship—Free and Responsible" is the theme for May Fellowship Day, May 6, 1960.[1] This theme is a timely one for an election year.

In spite of difficulties which confront Christians in assuming responsibility, an active interest in political life should be taken. We must be able to judge the various candidates. Two good questions to ask concerning a candidate are: What does he support? To whom is he beholden?

Baptist Women at Rio

If you are going to Rio, plan to take advantage of the opportunity to meet Baptist women from around the world. The Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance announces **June 24** as the date for the continental meetings. The North American Baptist Women's Union, under the direction of Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, former president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, will open its meeting at 9:30 A.M. in the chapel of the Baptist Seminary. At 7:30 P.M. the North American Baptist Women's Union will be the guests of the Latin American Union at First Baptist Church. All Baptist women on the North American continent are invited.

On **June 28** and **June 30,** Baptist women will meet at 1:30 P.M. in the Music Hall.

Depth Bible Study

The second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is pointed toward the renewal of the church that it may be better able to fulfill its mission. Objectives include:

1. An honest coming to grips with the Bible by pastor and people in home and church, using the resources of contemporary biblical scholarship.
2. A study of the nature of the church.
3. A deepening of the positive disciplines of the Christian life in both personal and group experience.
4. A vital experience of face to face Christian fellowship.
5. A meaningful awareness of being an American Baptist today.
6. An intensive program of education for church membership and responsible leadership.
7. A forthright sharing of the Christian faith and experience with those who are out of fellowship with Christ and His Church.

To help realize these objectives plans are made to form Depth Bible Study groups through the Woman's Societies of the churches. The chairmen of Spiritual Life and the chairmen of Leadership Training are the key people in organizing for training and for channeling materials. Presidents—local, association, and state—are to serve on the planning committees and to help the groups function successfully.

Those who have experienced training in the Depth Bible Study method are enthusiastic about it and believe that it will do much to deepen and to enrich the lives of those who search together for new meanings from the Scriptures.

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[1] Order study guide, based upon Dr. John C. Bennett's book, *Christians and the State,* from United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, 35 cents.

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: Virginia Farmar (Mrs. William G. Farmar)
National First Vice-President
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases for 1960-1961

For the first vice-presidents, eight emphases—or goals—are presented for the program year 1960-1961.

1. Gain wider knowledge.

Knowledge, it has been said, is power. If we have knowledge, the power to become a good vice-president is ours. Knowledge comes through many avenues, especially by means of the printed page. Available mediums include books, magazines, and leaflets pertaining not only to the work of our division but to the total program of the Baptist World Outreach.

The American Baptist Woman and the "Division Leaflet" should be read and assimilated. Excellent books and pamphlets are listed in "Literature Highlights." New books for leaders are frequently listed in *The Church Woman.*[1]

During 1960-1961 read several good books that will help you to become a better leader. Build your own personal library. Use it constantly as a source of information. Include in your library one or two good devotional books. Do not get so overwhelmed with a busy schedule that you become "spiritually dry."

Know the work of the division of First Vice-President by becoming familiar with every part of it.

Seek to gain wider knowledge that you may become a better first vice-president.

2. Hold at least three division meetings.

That all may learn, the first vice-president should hold *at least three* division meetings a year. Every member of the division of First Vice-President should know and understand the areas of work relevant to the division. This knowledge can be achieved only through regular, well-planned division meetings.

The agenda for the meeting must be well-planned, with consideration given to each member. The division meetings must provide opportunities for the chairmen to present plans for work, share ideas, and develop long-range planning.

Love and understanding must prevail as the members of the division work together. Each one must believe in the importance of her job. No member of the division works individually. Each realizes that the group works collectively and that the decision of the group is binding.

Study, work, plan together that All May Know, that All May Plan, that All May Accomplish still greater works.

3. Be systematic.

What is a workbook? A simple definition is: "A book that is working for you and with you." It does not have to be bound in genuine leather, nor does it have to be a specific size or color. The important thing is that it is adequate to serve as a file for reference.

A workbook must be kept up-to-date. It must be well-organized. In addition to correspondence, agendas, and minutes, it should contain: the *Constitution* for the society; a *Leader's Guide; Emphases* for the year; a copy of the *Annual Report;* pages from The American Baptist Woman; *Directory* and *Yearbook;* and materials received from counterparts.

The workbook is not the property of only the one assembling and using it. It is to be passed on to her successor. A workbook tells the story of what has been done. It is the "green light" that gives the signal to forge ahead with new plans and ideas.

Start now to be systematic and orderly with all information and materials!

4. Regard correspondence with respect.

Letters received from counterparts are to be regarded not only as a source of information but as training mediums. Although every letter from a counterpart is meant to be personal, it is intended that the information in the letter be relayed to others.

Read these letters several times. Make notations relative to the items that you want incorporated in your next letter. Use the information for an association meeting, a rally, the monthly meeting of the Woman's Society, or in a letter to your counterpart.

If the letter requires an answer, give it immediate attention. As a Christian leader be prompt and thorough.

5. Enlist the inactive women.

This is a threefold program:

The *local* first vice-president has the responsibility of organizing the program for reaching the inactive women of the church.

The *association* first vice-president should make every effort to reactivate societies that seem to have lost interest in the work of the association.

The *state* first vice-president has the responsibility of reactivating the inactive associations.

[1] Published by United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Annual subscription, $1.00.

First vice-presidents must continue to promote the plan to reactivate inactive women, societies, and associations. This plan was adopted in 1957 by the National Council of American Baptist Women. New ideas concerning ways and means by which large groups of women can be reached have been created by many societies. In addition to the many new ideas which we may conceive there are always certain basic essentials to be maintained: good programs; interest in and concern for others, particularly for the newcomers to the meetings.

This plan to reactivate inactive women is a continuing program! A concerted effort should be made every year to enlist the inactive women. The message of God's love is not for a few. It is for all people!

6. Promote use of Program Packet

Good programs are essential to the growth and outreach of a mission society. Excellent material for programs is found not only in the Program Packet but also in *Missions* and *Crusader*.

When the Program Packet is compiled a careful study is made of the material to be included. Our denominational boards and agencies are contacted for help and advice. Consideration is given not only to the content of the packet but also to approach, participants, influence, and preparation necessary for each program. These and many other essentials are studied and discussed. Several hundred people co-operate in the production of the Program Packet.

To whom is the Program Packet made available? To all those who want to know what we as Baptists have done in the past, what is being done at present, and what can be done in the future to spread the gospel.

What is our responsibility? It is: (1) to promote the use of the Program Packet in all societies, small, medium, and large; (2) to be enthusiastic about it; (3) to study and use it personally; and (4) to remember that God worked through and with those who produced this packet.

7. Plan for at least one division presentation.

First vice-presidents, who strive to gain wider knowledge and make every effort to have their division of First Vice-President function properly, will endeavor to have *at least one* over-all presentation a year as a division. The presentation should be well-planned and well-presented. This requires that members of the division know the work. Confidence on the platform is quickly recognized by an audience. Lack of confidence on the part of a leader produces a negative reaction.

Plans for reaching the inactive woman, ideas for good programs, information concerning the house party, and suggestions regarding what to do with literature should be *taught* and *caught!* This is the real value of a division presentation.

House parties, rallies, association meetings, and leadership training workshops offer excellent opportunities for presenting the work of the division of First Vice-President. Plan one or more division presentations during 1960-1961!

8. Attend training sessions.

House parties, rallies, association meetings, and leadership training workshops! Why are they planned? Eight reasons are listed here. You will, doubtless, add others.

→ To inspire

→ To inform

→ To share ideas

→ To offer suggestions for improvement

→ To provide opportunity to develop creativeness

→ To provide fellowship

→ To bring counterparts into closer relationship with one another.

→ To create a feeling of "oneness" in working and planning together.

Let us make every effort to secure help, information, and new methods of presenting the work of our division of First Vice-President! The more training we receive, the more efficiently we can execute the duties in our area of work.

Baptist Jubilee Advance

Be interested in, and become informed about the Baptist Jubilee Advance. As leaders it is our responsibility to be able, if requested, to interpret the Baptist Jubilee Advance to groups and to the community.

Woman's Day

On June 2, 1960, the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be held in the War Memorial Commission Auditorium, Rochester, New York.

An excellent program has been planned for the morning and afternoon sessions. Please refer to the statement on page 4, by Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber, president of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Division luncheons will be held at twelve o'clock. Location for the luncheon for the division of First Vice-President will be announced at the morning session. There will be a short and informative program; missionaries will be guests. Last year nearly two hundred women in our division attended the luncheon. Come and meet your counterpart!

QUESTION BOX

QUESTION: "Where can I find materials for the division of First Vice-President?

Answer: "Literature Highlights" contains a listing of free and priced materials. These helpful suggestions are given according to divisions. Materials for the vice-presidents are included in the section for the president. Be sure to use the "Key for Ordering" on the last page of the leaflet. "Literature Highlights" is not available in quantity. One copy is sent to each society. The 1960-1961 edition will be distributed in May.

To the Chairmen of Program

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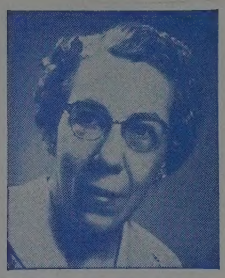

Emphases for 1960-1961

To the chairmen of Program are presented the following seven emphases for special concentration during the program year 1960-1961:

1. Read at least one book or pamphlet in the field of program building.

The following suggestions[1] will prove especially helpful:

→ *You Can Be a Leader.* Price, 50 cents.
→ *New Ways to Better Meetings.* Strauss. $2.95.
→ *Learning Together in the Christian Fellowship.* Sara Little. $1.25.
→ *Good Ways to Lead Adults.* 35 cents.
→ *Decision Through Discussion.* Utterback. $1.00.
→ *How to Lead a Discussion.* W. Herbert Grant. 30 cents.
→ *How to Get Variety in Youth Meetings.* Alice Cornell. 30 cents.
→ *Let's Discuss It.* 15 cents.
→ *You Can't Be Human Alone.* Margaret Kuhn. 40 cents.
→ *Planning Better Programs.* Adult Education Association. 60 cents.

2. Evaluate some of your programs.

Any chairman of Program or committee member who takes her work seriously will want to know "How are we doing?" "Are our programs meeting the needs and expectations of our members?"

Therefore, it is important that occasionally an evaluation questionnaire should be distributed to the members and they should be requested to evaluate the programs. These evaluations reveal to the committee points where the programs may be improved; they encourage the members to serious and constructive thought in regard to programs.

Suggestive evaluation forms are printed in the 1959 fall issue of The American Baptist Woman, page 8, and on page 41 of the booklet *You Can Be a Leader.*[1]

3. Plan every program for the Woman's Society and circles around some phase of our American Baptist World Mission.

Our American Baptist World Mission includes home and foreign missions, Christian Social Relations, Family Life, Baptist Institutions, Baptist Schools and Colleges, Special Interest Missionaries, Love Gift, as well as the other phases of our denominational work.

The factual material, that is made available to us each year through our denominational offices, tells interesting and thrilling stories of adventure and achievement as well as of painful needs. This material is sufficient to challenge the members of our Woman's Societies to being more than hearers only.

4. Have a written purpose for every meeting.

Often we are too concerned that a program shall be interesting, that it shall draw a good crowd, that it will fit into a given time schedule. Thus we fail to ask ourselves, "What do we want to accomplish through this program?"

A program committee often hopes that something definite will happen as a result of a program, but unless the committee has carefully thought through the aim or goal or purpose of the program before planning it probably nothing will happen to the thinking, feeling, and living of the members of the society. They will be more than likely to leave with no sense of achievement.

There must be a carefully thought out and written purpose for every meeting. Everything that goes into the program should be evaluated in terms of whether it contributes to the accomplishment of the purpose or not. See the 1959 winter issue of The American Baptist Woman, page 8, for added material on the purpose of programs.

5. Use some supplementary resource material, such as a map, globe, pictures, film or filmstrips, charts, graphs, blackboard, record player, in every meeting.

These sources are all helpful in getting ideas across and in making clear what you are trying to accomplish. Supplementary material will help folk to remember. We are told that we remember:

→ 25 per cent of what we hear.
→ 55 per cent of what we see and hear.
→ 90 per cent of what we do.

[1] Order from your nearest American Baptist bookstore: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

6. Prepare a Yearbook.

Refer to the 1959 spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, page 8, for a suggestive guide.

7. Use the Program Packet, "That Ye May Know."

The use of the program packet was a goal for 1959-1960. Refer to the 1959 spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, page 8.

Note: It is important that the page of the chairman of Program from every issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN be filed in your workbook. These pages are then available as reference material for each succeeding chairman. For example: four times in statements about these goals reference has been made to the pages of the chairman of Program in previous issues of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. When these pages are filed in your workbook, you can easily refer to them.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Extra! Extra! Extra!

If you haven't already heard, you are doubtless eager to learn about the new theme and the Program Packet for 1960-1961.

The members of the Michigan Woman's Baptist Mission Society are responsible for a challenging theme and an excellent Program Packet.

- **Theme:** "That Ye May Know"
- **Hymn:** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
- **Scripture:** Philippians 3:10
- **The mission study themes for 1960-1961 are:**

  Foreign: "Into All the World Together"

  Home: "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions."

Doubtless these themes will cause us to do some real thinking.

Program Packet

The new Program Packets, "That Ye May Know," are selling rapidly. If you do not have your packet, do order immediately from your nearest Baptist bookstore,[1] to avoid disappointment. Price, $1.00.

The titles of the programs in the packet are interesting and intriguing. Become familiar with these programs. Use them one and all.

→ "That I May Know Him"
→ "That the Nations May Know Him"
→ "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"
→ "Know the Gift of God"
→ "I Wonder as I Wander"
→ "One God—One Purpose"
→ "Know and Be Free"
→ "Know Your Heritage"
→ "I Will Sing with Understanding"
→ "That They May Know and Grow"
→ "A Noble Heritage—Unlimited Horizons"
→ "Behold the Cross"

"Keep Talking"

"Keep Talking" is the name of the skit that promotes the use of the Program Packet. It is hoped that this skit will be presented at the Spring Rally of every association. It can be used by local groups also. There are four characters; therefore, four copies of the skit are required. Send your request, with ten cents for each copy desired, to me at my home address: 1813 West Iles Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

Installation Service for Associations

For the first time we have an installation service for association officers! This service has been sent direct to the association chairmen of Program.

It is hoped that associations will make use of this service prepared especially for the installation of association officers, and will leave the installation service in the Program Packet for the local society installation service.

In the April 1960 issue of *Missions* still another installation service is printed. This service is planned primarily for the use of circles.

It is hoped that *every* society and *every* circle will use some of the programs in the Program Packet, presenting them as they are printed or adapting them to meet specific needs. The Society's Program Committee should make their selection of programs first. The programs not to be used in programs of the Woman's Society are thus made available to the circles, in addition to those in *Missions* magazine.

Speakeritis and Programology

Two Serious Diseases

In "Thy Mission High Fulfilling" produced by the Department of Christian Woman's Fellowship, United Christian Missionary Society, and used here by permission, are listed two very common diseases of program planners.

1. Speakeritis . . . the disease of having an outside speaker come in and pour out his heart and walk away while the women say "What a wonderful speech!" and go home and do nothing whatsoever in regard to the matters which the speaker covered.

2. Programology . . . that disease that mistakes a program as an end in itself and places all emphasis on what should be only a means to an end. In this disease the women say, "What a wonderful program!" and go away to do nothing whatever about the ideas which were suggested at the meeting.

Worship, Study, and Service must go hand in hand. If you try to follow some of the principles that we have been writing about for several years, you can easily prevent these two diseases: Speakeritis, Programology.

Helps from the Digest, 1960

Each year the American Baptist Home Mission Societies issue a very interesting booklet entitled, *Home Mission Digest*.[2] It contains stories and accounts of the work being done in the various home mission fields. The articles are packed with valuable information. Price, 75 cents.

A set of programs[3] based on the information in the *Home Mission Digest* has been prepared by women across the American Baptist Convention at the invitation of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. The set of programs based on *Home Mission Digest, 1960* is priced at ten cents.

[2] Order from your State Convention office.

[3] Order from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: Florence Berg (Mrs. James C. Berg)
National Chairman of House Party
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: Route 6, Box 1518, Modesto, California

Emphases for 1960-1961

For the chairmen of House Party three emphases—or goals—are presented for the program year 1960-1961. They are concise. They are easily memorized. Therefore they can be in our thinking constantly.

1. Set attendance goal.

At least one woman from your society attending the house party for the first time.

2. Publicize the house party.

At each monthly meeting of the Woman's Society, create, in some unusual way, interest in the house party and a desire to attend it.

3. Make a report.

At the first meeting of the Woman's Society following the house party be sure that a lively, interesting, and informative report of the state house party is given.

Refer to page 9 of the 1959 spring issue of The American Baptist Woman for additional suggestions to assist the chairman of House Party.

Fellowship of Chairmen of House Party

Local, association, state, and national chairmen of House Party comprise this Fellowship.

There is no registration fee; there are no dues. In fact it costs nothing to join!

This fellowship has one purpose: that of sharing promotional ideas, helps, skits, and plays with all the chairmen of House Party across the American Baptist Convention.

The success of this fellowship depends on *you*. Send your suggestions to my home address: Route 6, Box 1518, Modesto, California. I will then make them available to the members of our Fellowship of Chairmen of House Party either through these pages of The American Baptist Woman or in mimeographed letters.

Ours is a fellowship of sharing. Will you share your programs with us as have the societies of Massachusetts and West Virginia?

→ The members of the Massachusetts Woman's Baptist Mission Society have shared "Watchbird," a promotional skit with us.

Watchbird

[There are two characters: Watchbird and a housewife.]

Woman: Who are you?

Watchbird: I am a watchbird, watching you.

Woman: Watching me? Why on earth are you watching me?

Watchbird: To see that you don't miss out on the house party at ..... from ..... to the ..... It costs only ..... plus your ..... registration fee. And that registration fee is, you know, all the money the House Party Committee has to use in putting on this gratifying affair. It helps to pay for the speakers, program, decorations, flowers; yes, even the chair you sit on.

Woman: You mean the annual house party where women of Baptist churches all over the state meet for fellowship, instructions, delicious food, lots of fun; where the women find inspiration and renewal of minds and hearts and refreshment for tired spirits?

Watchbird: Right you are! That's the house party I mean. But I can see that I am wasting my time watching you. You are way ahead of me. So, if you'll excuse me, I'll be off and watch Mrs. Jones to see that she doesn't miss this once-a-year opportunity for the Baptist women. Bye, see you next year.

→ The members of the West Virginia Woman's Baptist Mission Society have shared, "Come with Me," by Mrs. Clifford Evans, chairman of Publicity.

"Come With Me"

[There are four characters: Mrs. President of the Woman's Society; Mrs. Snyder, a shut-in; Mrs. Vice-President of Christian Service; and Mrs. House Party. When the scene opens, Mrs. President is visiting Mrs. Snyder who is seated in a wheel chair, or rocker, with a robe over her knees. On the table beside her are: the Bible, *a Love Gift box,* Missions, *and other Baptist periodicals.]*

Mrs. Snyder: I am so glad you came to see me today, Mrs. President. I have been thinking about the Woman's Society for the past few days. Well, in fact, since your vice-president of Missions visited me. She brought me a prayer list, and during our discussion of the mission work, Mrs. House Party drifted in.

Mrs. President: Oh, was Mrs. House Party here? That's right, it is time, I suppose, to talk about the house party. I am finding with so many other activities going on and with the problem of planning for the family during the time one is away for the house party it is hard to get the women to realize the importance of attending the house party. Have you any ideas, Mrs. Snyder? Before your illness you were very active in the

house party, and you were always such an inspiring person.

MRS. SNYDER: Before my illness I *was* active. How I wish I could use these legs now for the Master! From my discussion with your vice-president of Missions, it seems to me that a great many opportunities to help the mission cause are being lost. I would like to share with you a few ideas that you may wish to take back to the Woman's Society.

MRS. PRESIDENT: I would like to hear what you have in mind. I feel that interest is dwindling and I fear that I haven't helped the Society as much as I should.

MRS. SNYDER: "Come With Me" into a directive Jesus left with us. [*Picks up Bible and reads from* Matthew 4:17-22.) When Jesus said, "Follow me" and "I will make you fishers of men," they all obeyed and all gave up something very substantial and deep-rooted, because they were to catch something bigger and more important. To follow implies fellowship, joint participation, and conforming wholly to His commandment. Just as you and I have accepted Him we are to "follow" as the disciples did. The women must realize they cannot serve Christ and the worldly things of this earth. Christ's Great Commission must come first.

MRS. PRESIDENT: I agree with you completely, Mrs. Snyder, but what does this have to do with the house party?

MRS. SNYDER: When Christ called these disciples, he didn't tell them to go out immediately and witness for him. They were with him for a period of time, training, watching, listening, and participating in his ministry.

The members of our Woman's Baptist Mission Society need the training they get at house party to maintain an efficient society and to give effective leadership. Someone who came to call recently told me that there will be two types of conferences set up to help the women in all ways possible. Baptist women of . . . . need to meet and to have fellowship one with another that they may understand their oneness in Christ. This fellowship of Christian women is very important. *[knock at door]* Mrs. President will you go to the door, please? *[Enter Mrs. Chairman of House Party and Mrs. Vice-President of Christian Service.]*

MRS. PRESIDENT: I am so glad you have come. Mrs. Snyder has been giving me some ideas about encouraging the women to go to the house party.

MRS. HOUSE PARTY: Oh, that makes me think! It was in this morning's mail that I received some information concerning the house party. It seems too early, to me, to start promotion. You know it is in ..... this year.

MRS. SNYDER: You should keep the idea of attendance at the house party before the women all year. It is never too early to begin planning your promotional program. Did you attend last year?

MRS. HOUSE PARTY: Noooo! It involved so much planning for my family that I didn't make the effort.

MRS. SNYDER: As chairman of House Party you are the one to sow the seed of interest in attendance at the house party, and thus produce fruit in the Woman's Society. (Reads Mark 4:8 and Col. 1:10-12)

MRS. HOUSE PARTY: Thank you so much for that invaluable help. It seems that instead of bringing cheer and inspiration to you, you are the one who has given cheer and inspiration to us.

MRS. SNYDER: You will be interested to know that Mrs. Social came to see me recently. She has many talents she could use in the work of the Woman's Society if only you women could get her interested. She attends church on Sunday and her other efforts are put into social activities. I doubt if she has ever attended a meeting of the Woman's Society or a house party.

I felt really sorry for Mrs. Social. Just think with all her social activities, she has never experienced the satisfying fellowship with Christian women that I have had at the house parties. She has not been able to sit and hear missionaries tell of the fruitful results of their efforts because of our help. The good feeling and the memories that we have helped a little keep me company now.

I hear the committee is working on a pageant and a lot of extras for this year. It all sounds wonderful and exciting and you may be sure that I hate to miss it.

MRS. VICE-PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE: We came to help you, our dear Mrs. Snyder, but you have helped us. You have inspired us to see how we should seek information, training, and inspiration at the house party in order that we may do a better job.

MRS. SNYDER: Yes, Mrs. Vice-President of Christian Service, the work of your division is indeed great and rewarding. With the opening of a new hospital in India and the expansion of mission territories, you must keep before the women the necessity for the effort to increase Love Gift. At the house party our women can learn direct from the missionaries how much White Cross means to them. Oh, there is so much to be gained by attending the house party—inspiration, information, fellowship . . .

MRS. PRESIDENT: How can we ever thank you for the inspiration you have given to us. While sitting here I have come to see the need for early, effective, and constant promotion of the house party so that the members of our Woman's Society will come to realize that they cannot afford to miss this opportunity. I brought you a prayer list of inactive women in our church, Mrs. Snyder. Will you pray for us, too?

MRS. SNYDER: Indeed I will. I am thankful that there is still a small place in Christ's service for me. *[Visitors say good-bye and leave.] [Mrs. Snyder picks up Love Gift box and prays.]* Father, thank thee for thy great Love Gift to us. May the women of this Society realize the meaning of that Great Love and do a greater work by prayer, training, and service. Keep that great sin of neglect and indifference from our door.

[Visitors pause outside the door, telling in their own words what they will do to inspire members of their Woman's Society to go to the House Party. Chairman of House Party requests time at the next meeting for promotion.]

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: Hazel Lobley (Mrs. J. Benjamin Lobley)
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Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Annual Reports!

Annual Reports! Busy Baptist leaders in all the Woman's Societies across the American Baptist Convention are using those two words—annual reports—with real meaning. Officers and chairmen are giving their first attention during April to their annual reports, even though some household duty or other task must be temporarily neglected. But when they read, at the annual meeting of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women on June 1 in Rochester, New York, the report of the total work done by American Baptist women, they will, doubtless, feel rewarded for the effort they made in helping to make the report complete.

To be sure the questions asked in the *Local Annual Report Book* are too few in number to make it possible for *you* to report adequately all *you* have done. But every question in the *Annual Report Book* is important and an answer from every chairman of Literature is necessary if our national annual report is to be a true story of the entire achievement of chairmen of Literature during 1959-1960.

As we work on our annual reports, let us offer a prayer for the hundreds of dedicated women, of whom we are a part, who are preparing reports of the work accomplished during 1959-1960.

As we study our annual reports, let us pause to think of all the women in local societies, associations, and states who have become better informed about our Baptist World Mission and, therefore, more effective leaders and members of our Woman's Societies because of the materials made available to them and presented with imagination and ingenuity sufficient to challenge their use.

Emphases for 1960-1961

Six emphases for the chairmen of Literature were printed in the 1959 spring issue of The American Baptist Woman. Are you familiar with each one? Each one is important to us.

Four goals have been selected for emphases for 1960-1961:

→ 1. Become thoroughly familiar with the contents of "Literature Highlights," and read as many books and other items listed therein as possible.

→ 2. Consult with each officer and chairman of your local Woman's Baptist Mission Society and recommend literature which will be helpful. Order the materials decided upon by each officer and chairman, being careful to send for items as directed in the "Key to Ordering" on the final page of "Literature Highlights." Upon receipt of materials distribute them promptly.

→ 3. Arrange attractive displays of denominational and approved interdenominational literature for the meetings of the Woman's Society. From time to time try entirely new methods of display.

→ 4. Request an opportunity to present some of the most interesting literature at each meeting of the Woman's Society. Make these presentations brief.

Let's Discuss the Goals

● Shall we consider the last one, number four, first? "Request an opportunity to present some of the most interesting literature at each meeting of the Woman's Society."

Do you consider, as I do, that the most important woman in the National Council of American Baptist Women is the woman in the *local* Woman's Baptist Mission Society? When every local woman becomes involved in our task, our task will be accomplished. When a woman knows, she is concerned; when she is concerned, she will participate. We must try constantly to find new and interesting ways to present and display the literature of our denomination and approved interdenominational literature. No one is persuaded to read a book or leaflet by listening to the statement: "This is a fine book, you must read it." Be thoroughly familiar with the material you are presenting. Believe in it. Present it with imagination, enthusiasm, and ingenuity.

● Let us refer to the first emphasis: "Become thoroughly familiar with the contents of 'Literature Highlights,' and read as many books and other items listed therein as possible." In other words, prepare thoroughly for the task. It is not sufficient for us to know the titles listed in "Literature Highlights"; we must know the contents—the real meat which each piece contains.

● The second emphasis, "Consult with each officer and chairman of your local Woman's Society and recommend literature which will be helpful," can be accomplished only after the first emphasis has been achieved. The officers and chairmen of the Woman's Society will be helped greatly by your recommendations, resulting from your careful study of the materials. These recommendations should be made to the officers and chairmen as early in the program year as possible. A good plan is to meet with each division and together discuss

the contents of "Literature Highlights." Taking into consideration your budget, determine what is most needed to bring the best results. There are many societies with a few members, and there are some societies with many members. This assistance, given by the chairman of Literature, is necessary for every society whether the membership is six, sixty, one hundred, or more. For the chairman of Literature there is real satisfaction in having helped the officers and chairmen by placing this splendid material in their hands.

● The third emphasis for the year 1960-1961 is one that is constant and continuous: "Arrange attractive displays of denominational and approved interdenominational literature for the meetings of the Woman's Society." As suggestions for exhibits or skits are sent to me, I shall try, insofar as possible, to share them either through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN or by mimeographed pages. Perhaps you will write a skit or ask someone in your Woman's Society to do so. State or association chairmen of Literature may write skits and suggest unusual exhibits for use by the local chairmen of Literature. The Ohio Woman's Baptist Mission Society has shared the following program written by Mrs. Kenneth Graham, state chairman of Literature.

An Apron Style Show

[*Properties: Table on which is placed a globe of the world. Behind globe is a bulletin board on which are displayed samples of various literature. On the table also are back issues of different magazines for distribution to the women who are not familiar with the publications. Aprons of various colors and styles are needed. To these aprons are pinned covers of American Baptist publications and approved interdenominational publications. In selecting the apron which is to be background for the display of a publication, choose a color which will highlight and accent the cover; for example, a white apron and a dark picture of the Bible. Narrator describes each apron as model appears.*]

NARRATOR: We are living in a fashion-conscious age. Recognizing this, American Baptists believe that today women are usually interested in the latest fashions. Therefore, we present to you a fashion show of aprons for the well-read American Baptist woman.

Our first model is Mrs. ————————, wearing a white organdy apron featuring the *Holy Bible.* This book tops the list of reading for it is the Christian's guidebook. In Psalms 119:105 we read: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." And in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. . . ."

Our next model is Mrs. ————————, showing *The Secret Place,* a great help in our daily devotional period. Here we find meditations written by fellow Baptists. Our day will be happier and we will be strengthened if we start the day with the Word of God.

Next we see Mrs. ———————— wearing the *Missions* apron. "Go ye," the Master said and in obedience to that command men and women have gone into all parts of the world. *Missions* magazine is a report of the activities of these men and women. Through its pages you and I can see the work of American Baptists around the globe.

Now we see Mrs. ————————, wearing an apron showing the *Book of Remembrance.* This is truly a treasure house of information about our missionaries at home and overseas. Included in the contents of the *Book of Remembrance* are the names of our missionaries, their stations, birthdays, also a brief résumé of the fields. The names of the missionaries who have served us well over a long period and are now retired are there also for our information.

Here is Miss ————————, wearing an apron with *Crusader. Crusader* is published eleven times a year. It is mailed to the members of the church. The mailing list should be kept up-to-date by the church so that every family will receive a copy. This magazine keeps us up-to-date on the events of our American Baptist Convention, and through it we meet the leaders of our denomination.

Next we see Miss ————————, displaying the newest fashion in women's work, THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. In this magazine we find a page for each officer and chairman of the Woman's Society, written by her national counterpart. In THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, which comes to us three times a year, we have all the latest information at our finger-tips.

Now we see Mrs. ————————. She is modeling our own State Paper, which gives us news of the churches and Baptists in our own state of ————————. Anytime our church has an interesting program or has undertaken a special project, the editor of our State Paper will be glad to tell all ———————— Baptists about it.

Miss ———————— is wearing an apron highlighting the *Hearthstone.* This is an excellent family magazine. There are stories and articles for all ages.

And now we see Miss ————————modeling the *Home Mission Digest.* Here we find a report on all the work of the home mission program. It is a valuable booklet for the home mission study classes.

Our next model is Mrs. ————————, wearing an apron with an interesting pocket and from the pocket she shows us *[here use pamphlets and leaflets on current themes, naming them as they are taken from pocket.]*

Our last model is Miss ————————. She is wearing an apron which also features a pocket. This pocket is filled with leaflets about our Baptist schools and colleges, about our CHEC program. It also has leaflets regarding our homes and hospitals.

We hope you have enjoyed our fashion show. We are sure you can see that Baptists are busy listening, reading, learning, that they may do "greater works."

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: Lois Mayes (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes)
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Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Forward Look . . .

Vice-Presidents of Missions

This is the time of year when installation services are being held, and many American Baptist women are responding to the challenge to assume responsible leadership in new capacities in circle, society, association, or state organizations.

All of us accept these responsibilities with a deepening sense of dedication, with a greater awareness of our need for God's guidance, and with real humility as we realize our lack of training.

Certainly we cannot lead or challenge others to a deeper interest in the World Mission unless we ourselves are intensely aware of, and fully committed to the significance of the "Great Commission." Nor can we become interested or effective in any phase of our work, whether it be in praying, in giving, or in serving, unless first we, ourselves, are thoroughly informed regarding the fields which we hope are to be benefitted by the results of our service.

This necessary background includes information regarding the many types of work done on each of our fields, as well as an understanding of the evangelistic purpose behind each type. It will include knowing our missionaries, and being aware that this list undergoes continuous changes, due to new commissionings or to retirement or death. How can we pray for them unless we know them, know their tasks and their needs, both physical and spiritual?

We ought to know also the national boards and staffs who direct our mission work. Many of us have little information about those who give dedicated and sacrificial leadership.

Recalling the words in Romans 12:2, the Division of Missions has chosen this directive as its . . .

Emphasis for 1960-1961

". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ."

As we begin a new program year, may we ask all vice-presidents of Missions to spend more time in thoughtful reading of our denominational periodicals and study books in order that our service may be strengthened.

This means that every vice-president of Missions will read, with increasing regularity and prayerful thoroughness, the publications which bring us news of our denomination at work. Consult the titles listed under the division of Missions in "Literature Highlights," as well as suggestions made elsewhere on this page. Remember especially the leaflet entitled "Friends Through Books." These are only a beginning.

Will you accept this as a personal goal? Will you join us in praying that this may be a year of unusual growth in the education and dedication of American Baptist women?

Good News

Chairmen of Program, house-party planners, and many others will be interested in the announcement that the Public Relations Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies has established a library of free audio-visual aids on overseas missions.

The library includes mounted photos in color or in black and white, with explanatory captions, suitable for displaying on an easel or hanging on the wall. These are available free for a period of two weeks.

The library also includes sets of slides and either a typed script or in some cases a tape recording of the script. These are slides made by the missionaries themselves on the fields.

→ One of the beautiful sets of photographs is a series depicting a communion service in Assam. This set is available in two sizes. Ask for exhibit #A-a (size 8 x 10) or #A-1 (size 16 x 20).

→ Another set of photographs portrays Christian Congolese leaders as they visited the World's Fair in Brussels and tells of the work in the Congo.

→ Another set shows, in color, a Congo commencement service at Kimpese.

→ A set of slides with script by Loren E. Noren shows the crowded condition of Hong Kong.

A complete list of these materials may be obtained by writing to the Department of Public Relations, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Please remember that these are free and are supplementary items in addition to the excellent audio-visual materials available from Baptist Films, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

→ Additional materials, table exhibits, and other items related to our home mission fields are also available. For these write to: The Reverend Edward Rapp,

American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Note: Orders for all materials should be placed several weeks in advance of the date when needed, to allow time for shipping. To avoid disappointment, an alternate choice should be indicated.

New Themes

Many vice-presidents of Missions are at work planning programs for 1960-1961, and will be interested in the new mission study themes:

- Home Missions: "Heritage and Horizon"
- Foreign Missions: "Into all the World Together"

Both of these themes are general and ecumenical in nature. This makes possible a program year of wide variety.

Learn Your Alphabet

The American Baptist Extension Corporation (ABEC) was organized under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Department of Church Extension, for the purpose of making loans to churches and church-related institutions.

ABEC will obtain funds for making these loans by borrowing from churches which have substantial building funds, from organizations, or from individuals.

Do you know of someone, a church, or an organization interested in such a worth-while investment? If so, write for information to: Mr. James Christison, Jr., American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Best Sellers

Every vice-president of Missions looks forward with eagerness to a new edition of *Home Mission Digest.* She recognizes that this is one of her most indispensable tools. In its pages will be found much that is helpful in program building on the new home mission theme, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions." Its pages are filled with color, variety, and pathos. They provide excellent material to supplement the program packet or to use in circles. This is excellent illustrative material for pastors or for Mission Interpreters. Order *Home Mission Digest* from your State Convention office. Price, 75 cents.

Another "best seller," providing information on the new foreign mission study theme is *Overseas Outreach.* This supplies information in compact form on the foreign mission fields, and will supply the American Baptist emphasis for use with our ecumenical theme, "Into All the World Together." *Overseas Outreach* may be purchased at Baptist bookstores [1] or from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, 50 cents.

Travel programs have become increasingly popular in recent years in the meetings of our Woman's Society. A new program, entitled "Tour of Thailand," has recently been issued by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. This program presents new and timely information on this expanding field. The program contains both geographical and historical information and offers very practical suggestions for adapting and for simplified staging. Order "Tour of Thailand" from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. 35 cents.

Book of Remembrance is also an indispensable tool for the alert vice-president of Missions. Is the 1960 edition on your bookshelf? Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, $1.00.

Missions Conference, 1960

Sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, the Missions Conference is scheduled for the week of August 6-13, at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

This is a week of outstanding inspiration, with opportunities to meet and to hear many missionaries. Again this year the curriculum is built to give special aid in planning and directing schools of missions, and to help in presenting the mission study books to all age groups. Missionary promotion in the church will also be stressed, including a discussion of the every member canvass.

Bible Study is to be presented by Dr. Edwin H. Robertson of the United Bible Societies, Geneva, Switzerland. A conference for officers and chairmen in the division of Missions will be a daily feature.

Early registration is advised as this is one of the most popular conferences of the summer.

Dates to Keep in Mind

June 2-7 is the period when the American Baptist Convention meets in Rochester, New York. Woman's Day will be held on the opening day of the Convention, June 2. Mrs. Wade McKinney of Cleveland, Ohio, national vice-president of Christian Service, who has recently returned from a world tour of the mission fields, will be the speaker at the morning session. Division luncheons will be served at twelve o'clock giving opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with those who carry similar responsibility in the Woman's Society.

July 9-16 is the week for the National Women's Conference at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Featured as the speaker for the evening forums is Mrs. George Armacost, president of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. Evening vesper leader is Mrs. Paul Kreager, national chairman of Spiritual Life and a member of the board of managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

Convocation

A Convocation which will challenge the interest of our entire Convention is scheduled for January 24-26, 1961, in the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Convocation is to consider the world in which we live, the Gospel we proclaim, and ways in which we witness. The Planning Committee suggests that in addition to the pastor, one layman and one laywoman should represent the church. A tentative program will be released at the American Baptist Convention in Rochester.

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[1] American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Leona Mueller (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)
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Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education:

First, thank you for your letters and reports in regard to what you are doing in your area to promote Missionary and Stewardship Education for Women. It is encouraging to learn that you are reading The American Baptist Woman and are finding the information and suggestions helpful to you in your work.

Emphasis for 1960-1961

Having recently returned from the board meetings of the National Council of American Baptist Women in New York City, I am filled with enthusiasm and ideas which I am eager to share with you.

The division of Missions has selected an emphasis—or goal—for the program year 1960-1961, which we hope will inspire women throughout the American Baptist Convention to a greater concern in regard to reading, studying, and to becoming better informed about the mission of the church at home and around the world.

The emphasis for the Division of Missions for 1960-1961 is taken from the Bible, Romans 12:2 . . . ". . . **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** . . ."

Let us put this old but ever new emphasis into daily practice by becoming better informed about God's mission for his church, by continuing our efforts to build the church library by the addition of missionary and stewardship books for all age groups, and by encouraging tithing as a "way of life." By renewing and deepening our dedication, we shall also renew our minds and shall ourselves be transformed.

New Mission Study Themes

"Into All the World Together" is the foreign mission study theme for 1960-1961. Interdenominational and American Baptist mission study materials will soon be available in Baptist bookstores.[1]

One World, One Mission, by W. Richey Hogg, and *Turning World,* by Betty Thompson, are two of the books for study on the foreign theme. The study guide for these books was written by Dr. Irene A. Jones.

The study of the theme, "Into All the World Together," will introduce to us a new idea: *the growing realization of Christians around the world that their devotion to Christ binds them in a spiritual unity that is stronger than the differences that have separated them in the past.* It will help us to understand that the Gospel of Christ is for all men everywhere and that the mission of spreading the Gospel is not the burden or privilege of white men or churches of the West only, nor of any one denomination. Together we all have a part in it.

In addition to the two study books, the following books offer rich supplementary material: *Where the World Begins,* by Dorothy Clarke Wilson; *Embark for Tomorrow,* by Audrey McKim; and *The Circle Beyond Fear,* by Darius Leander Swann.

"Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions" is the home mission study theme for 1960-1961. Dr. Robert W. Spike is the author of *Safe in Bondage,* the adult major study book. Accompanying Dr. Spike's book, as a major resource for adults, is *Impact,* edited by Robert Elfers, Mae Ashworth, and Bette Reed. *Impact* is a unique publication, the contents of which span home mission history from its beginning into its possible future. Dr. William C. Walzer, associate general director of Friendship Press and a former professor of church history, is the author of the guide for the adult home mission study book. The major aspects of the rural church around the world are presented in *The Pulpit and the Plow,* by Ralph A. Felton.

Stewardship for Women

Just off the press! *Stewardship for Women,* by C. E. and Mildred Hatch, published by the Stewardship Department of World Service and of the Women's Missionary Society of the Church of God, is highly recommended. Miss Helen K. Wallace, author of books on stewardship for women, calls this little book "a fresh interpretation of Christian stewardship." In her review of the book she wrote: "Here is a presentation of stewardship touching all of life, which, if actually practiced, would revolutionize the lives of Christians and revitalize the churches to which they belong." Order *Stewardship for Women* from your nearest American Baptist bookstore.[1] The price is 35 cents.

International Journal of Religious Education

In the May, 1960, issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education* [2] are several items of interest to

[1] American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

[2] Send orders to the *International Journal of Religious Education,* Box 238, New York 10, New York. Price, 50 cents.

chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education. This issue was planned co-operatively by the staffs of the Commission on Missionary Education and the International Journal of Religious Education, with the additional help of Miss Louisa R. Shotwell of the Division of Home Missions, and Dr. Irene A. Jones of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A.

Among the many excellent features, which the Journal carries, is an article of interpretation called, "The New Look in Missions both Home and Abroad," by Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg. Other articles are on the program of missionary education in the local church and resources for missionary education. Miss Helen C. Schmitz is the author of an article on "Missionary Education in the Adult Groups of the Church."

Dates of Importance

Woman's Day

June 2, 1960 is Woman's Day. Mrs. Ivan B. Bell, vice-president of Christian Training and her committee are in charge of the afternoon program on Woman's Day. The annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women opens at 9:30 A.M. in the War Memorial Commission Auditorium, Rochester, New York. Division luncheons will be a feature of Woman's Day, with missionaries as guests of the divisions.

National Women's Conference

July 9-16, 1960 is the week for the Seventh Annual National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. The theme, "This Community of Mine," is based on the third-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, "Mission to the Community." The leader of the Bible study is the Reverend Charles Andrews, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago; of the forum, Mrs. George Armacost, president of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies; of the vesper services, Mrs. A. Paul Kreager, national chairman of Spiritual Life.

I am looking forward to meeting many of the readers of this page at the conference of the division of Missions to be held each afternoon during the National Women's Conference.

National Missions Conference

August 6-13, 1960 is the week for the Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education will find much help and inspiration at this conference. Several home and foreign missionaries will be present. Bible study, exploring the mission study themes, vespers, and drama will fill the days with interest and information.

Summer Mission Conferences

All chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education for whom it is possible will want to take advantage of one of the nine excellent summer conferences on the Christian World Missions to be held in various areas across the nation:

→ 1. Rocky Mountain Conference School of Missions, June 12-18, Association Camp, Estes Park, Colorado. Write to: Miss Hazel Curtis, 1417 Monroe Street, Denver 6, Colorado.

→ 2. Southwest Conference on the Christian World Mission, June 18-24, at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Write to: Mrs. R. C. Allmon, 204 East Kansas Street, Walters, Oklahoma.

→ 3. Silver Bay Conference on Christian World Mission, July 6-13, at Silver Bay, New York. Write to: Dr. J. Allan Ranck, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

→ 4. Northfield Conference on Christian World Mission, July 17-23, at Northfield School, East Northfield, Massachusetts. Write to: Dr. William C. Walzer, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

→ 5. Ecumenical Mission Conference, July 29-August 3, and . . .

→ 6. Ecumenical Mission Conference, August 3-8.

These Ecumenical Mission Conferences will be held at Asilomor, Pacific Grove, California. For information concerning either conference, write to: Miss Janet Verkuyl, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

→ 7. Midwest Conference on the Christian World Mission, August 1-5 at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Write to: The Reverend John Buteyn, 1021 Homecrest Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

→ 8. Pacific Northwest International Mission Conference, August 5-10, at College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington. Write to: The Reverend D. Warren Campbell, 15003 Fourteenth Avenue, S.W., Seattle 66, Washington.

→ 9. Chautauqua Conference on the Christian World Mission, August 21-26, Chautauqua, New York. Write to: Dr. Laurence Lange, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Mature Christians

Have you ever asked yourself: "Am I a mature Christian?" Read the article on page 31 of the February 1960 issue of *Missions* and you will realize the need for our new emphasis, ". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ." We must also help others to realize the necessity for becoming better informed and more mature Christians if the Church of Christ is to claim its rightful place of leadership in this Atomic Age.

Annual Reports

It was very gratifying last year to note how many chairmen had made a special effort to send their reports in on time. It is important that each one make every effort possible to send her report on time, in order that we may have a clear and accurate picture of what is being done in Missionary and Stewardship Education for Women throughout our Convention.

SUNLIGHT ON THE HOPI MESAS

Watch for this exciting book, *Sunlight on the Hopi Mesas*, which tells the story of Baptist Missions among Hopi Indians, from the first mission to the present day. Florence Crannell Means, Baptist laywoman and popular story writer is the author of this biography of a Baptist missionary pioneer in the West, Abigail Johnson. Date of publication, May 1, 1960. Price, $2.25.[1]

To the Chairmen of Mission Interpreters — Home and Overseas

From: Pauline Maul (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)
National Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana

Emphasis for 1960-1961

". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ."

Recalling the words in Romans 12:2, the division of Missions has chosen this directive as its emphasis—or goal—for the year 1960-1961: ". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ."

→ Read to gain broader knowledge.

→ Broader knowledge gives deeper understanding.

→ Deeper understanding tends to arouse concern and sympathy.

→ Concern and sympathy carry us along the way to commitment.

Renewal Is a Never-Ending Process

At home and overseas, the story of our mission is a story of change:

- Different needs, different methods, different personnel.
- New fields in Thailand and Alaska.
- More responsibility in Africa and in Hawaii.
- Leadership training and Christian family life education needed in many areas.

Are you keeping up with the new needs, the reasons for them, the efforts underway to meet them? What you read last year, perhaps even what you read last month, may now be the background for what has taken place since. The mind must, therefore, be constantly renewed.

Read! Read! Read!

A great wealth of information is open to us all, if we will but read that which is easily available. We might well become self-educated, so to speak, in any field of our choice. *We* choose to interpret the mission of our church at home and overseas. Because of this purpose *Missions* will be well to the top of our reading list. Several current popular magazines carry articles regarding other lands and peoples. We can request friends to save for us articles, some of which we may have missed. Both the home and foreign mission societies publish leaflets giving late news of the various fields. Check the books listed in "Friends Through Books" and in "Literature Highlights." Every one of us will find listed in these leaflets some books to read and have placed in the mission library of our church.

Being Transformed Is a Continuing Process, Too

If we care enough to read, to learn, and to understand, we can scarcely escape being transformed. With continued learning will come, therefore, continued transformation. As our Christian spirit is challenged by our greater vision of the work that needs to be done, let us rise to new-found personal responsibilities. Let greater dedication lead us to make specific commitments: dedication to winning others to Christ, dedication to responsibilities within our local Woman's Society, within our church, and dedication to a meaningful challenging up-to-date interpretation of the home and overseas mission of our denomination. These interrelated areas of Christian service deserve our inspired definite commitment of time and talent, money, and effort.

We Add But Never Subtract

Our new emphasis, the renewing of the mind as a means to greater dedication and commitment, allows no abandonment of former objectives. Refer to the 1958 and 1959 spring issues of The American Baptist Woman and read again the goals for these past years. You will see why we must continue to keep these goals in mind and work toward their accomplishment.

Let Us Renew Our Minds Together

Reading may be for most of us our chief means of keeping our minds renewed. But as a source of inspiration and knowledge nothing takes the place of planned occasions which bring like-minded people together in convention, conference, workshop, and study. Plan to attend such meetings, as you can, among those enumerated here:

→ American Baptist Convention, Rochester, New York, June 2-7, 1960.

→ Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, War Memorial Commission Auditorium, Rochester, New York. Annual meeting opens at 9:30 A.M.; division luncheons are at twelve o'clock; afternoon program begins at two o'clock.

→ National Women's Conference, July 9-16, 1960, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Theme: "This Community of Mine."

→ National Missions Conference, August 6-13, 1960, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin;

helpful to all who are in the division of Missions, especially valuable to Mission Interpreters.

→ Interdenominational Missionary and Stewardship Conferences. Refer to page 16 of this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for additional information.

Your Report Is Important

Read report blanks carefully! Follow instructions strictly! Meet deadlines promptly, please! We want to have a true picture of our area of work. We want to know whether the churches are using Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas; how Mission Interpreters are being used; whether they are receiving training. If everyone who is responsible for filling out a report form will answer all questions conscientiously and will mail copies to the proper persons by the deadline indicated, we can assemble a valuable summary of information. But every error, every omission, every missent report, late report, or neglected report reduces the value of the whole report system. We, therefore, urge you again to: Read report blanks carefully! Follow instructions strictly! And be prompt, please!

Case Records from Mission Interpreters

Following are five accounts from the experience of Mission Interpreters, which may present ideas useful to many of us:

● In one church the midweek prayer meeting is a one-hour service beginning at seven o'clock. The children of those attending gather in another room for a story hour. One night each month the story teller is a Mission Interpreter. From her materials she presents stories which fascinate the children. The children are helped to form their own prayers for those who do not know Jesus. The period of play is also fitted into the mission theme for the evening. One more opportunity to interest children in missions early in life has been projected by this church.

● A chairman of Mission Interpreters serves also as adult advisor to the World Outreach Committee of the Baptist Youth Fellowship in her church. This chairman is well-informed and enthusiastic and the young people are very happy to hear her. She is concerned that young people shall choose church-related vocations; she has studied these needs. She is doing valuable work in a vital spot in her church.

● Another Mission Interpreter describes a special program she planned for her church. Her program, entitled "Around the World in Eighty Days," was a tour of our mission fields. Those making the tour met "missionaries" at each field, examined the materials for that field, and learned about the work being done on the field.

● Still another enterprising Mission Interpreter tells of a program she arranged entitled, "A Day in the Life of a Missionary." A missionary was shown writing a letter to friends at home. Some of the letter was read and some of it was enacted. Four short scenes were given. These were based on the work done by this particular missionary. Sufficient information was given by word and action together to make those attending the meeting feel that they really knew this missionary and her work.

● An unexpected opportunity came to a Mission Interpreter at a Sunday church school class party. Her husband is the teacher of the class. When some of the entertainment for the evening failed to materialize, she was asked by the class president, who knew she is a Mission Interpreter, to fill in. She asked the group to form a circle for group conversation. The topic was "Work." The members of the group were led, through a short get-acquainted time, into talking about their own work, then the work of the church, and later the work of missionaries. This particular class was newly organized. The members needed to become better acquainted. They also needed to know more about the church and its mission. Some of the comments made to the Mission Interpreter at the close of the evening were: "This is the best party yet!" "Now I understand what the church does for others." "We really got to know one another." "For the first time, I'm sold on missions."

For Association Chairmen Especially

→ Have you written to the Mission Interpreters in your association this year? Have you written to the local chairmen of Mission Interpreters? They will not know that you are interested if you do not write.

→ Have you encouraged the chairmen in their work of promotion?

→ Do you know your Mission Interpreters well? Try making a pen sketch of each one. Include personal information as well as facts regarding their activities, their topics, and so forth. Perhaps each one will send a snapshot of herself to go with the sketch.

Something For All—For Now and Always

Where will future American Baptist missionaries come from? From your church and mine! Therefore we must approach our young people with the challenge of full-time Christian service. Baptist Youth Fellowship groups must be encouraged to study missions, and to hear a missionary when they have the opportunity. Work out with them some projects which they might follow. Be careful, however, that you *suggest* possible ways and means rather than *plan* a program for them. Their program is their own, but they do need all the encouragement we can give them.

COMMITTED? LET'S CHECK!

As we are about to enter upon a new year of our work, let us each ask how nearly we are doing our very best. To make it very personal, let us ask:

—Do I put enough time into my work to do a good job?
—Do I place anything before my Christian duties?
—Do I neglect any known duty?
—Is the world a better place in which to live because I live in it?
—Does my life please God?
—Does my life point non-Christians to Christ?
—Do I enjoy being a Christian?
—Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
—Am I doing anything that I would condemn in others?
—How much time do I spend in secret prayer?
—Do I have a clear idea of my place in the Lord's work?
—Am I putting my faith into action?

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: Elizabeth Ford (Mrs. Harry G. Ford)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

Greetings to All my Counterparts . . .

the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries who serve in local societies, in the association and state societies!

To you, I write for the first time as your national chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. Those of you who had the good fortune to inherit from your predecessor a well-organized workbook filled with valuable records of progress to date and materials to give you background and to guide you as you set your course will understand, I am sure, how grateful I am to my predecessor, Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr., for the excellent workbook and large box of materials that she sent to me as she and her family left for Hong Kong.

I will study this material carefully that we together may discover increasingly effective ways by which to encourage the members in our local societies to support more actively our missionaries at home and overseas. Is there any work in the Woman's Society more challenging than that associated with our chairmanship? Is there any project more important for the members of our Woman's Society to pursue than that of remembering our missionaries?

Please send me any suggestions outlining new approaches which may be used to increase effectively our opportunities to remember in many ways our missionaries at home and overseas. My home address is: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire.

Your ideas will, in turn, be shared with chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries across the American Baptist Convention, either through The American Baptist Woman or by means of mimeographed letters.

Emphasis for 1960-1961

". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ."

Recalling the words in Romans 12:2, the division of Missions has chosen this directive, ". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ." as its emphasis for 1960-1961.

During the program year 1960-1961, it is hoped that the members of the division of Missions will study and read more of our mission literature than heretofore that we may become more keenly aware of needs around the world.

Do you remember the saying, "What we know about we care about"? That saying applies especially to the subject of missions. If we have no knowledge of missions and if we are not familiar with the lives of our missionaries, we will have no time nor money to devote to the cause or to the missionaries. The more we do know, the more time and talent and money we will dedicate to the support of missions. Therefore this year, let us study more that we may more truly give ourselves to helping these devoted servants of our missionary work.

Attend a Missions Conference

One positive way to increase our information regarding missions is by attending a Missions Conference.

August 6-13, 1960, is the week for the Missions Conference at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. This conference which in the past has been a source of great inspiration and information is under the direction of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

If the Missions Conference at Green Lake is too far from your home or if the dates do not fit your schedule, there are a number of interdenominational missionary conferences held in various parts of the country. Please refer to page 16 of this issue of The American Baptist Woman for detailed information.

A Successful and Worthy Chairman

To Mrs. Joseph Lulek we pay tribute!

Mrs. Lulek, a very quiet and unassuming person, has done an outstanding job of education in the area of Special Interest Missionaries at the Baptist Church in Rutland, Vermont, where my husband was pastor until January 13, 1960.

Mrs. Lulek's interest in missions is of long duration, stemming from the time when as a young woman she was sent to the Northfield Missions Conference in Northfield, Massachusetts. But Mrs. Lulek knew nothing about the set up of the Woman's Society. When the nominating committee of the Woman's Society invited her to accept the chairmanship of Special Interest Missionaries, she took time to weigh the requirements and to seek advice and help from those of experience. When she accepted the invitation, Mrs. Lulek began immediately to find out what was required to fulfill satisfactorily the duties of this important chairmanship. As a result, there isn't a woman in the Baptist Church in Rutland, Vermont, who attends the meetings of the Woman's Society or of one of the circles, who doesn't know about the missionaries of the church or about the Special

Interest Missionaries assigned to the church by the association. And there isn't a woman who hasn't signed her name to a greeting card or contributed toward a special over-and-above gift!

Letters were written to the missionaries, pen sketches with pictures were ordered, maps were secured and mission fields were located, birthdays were remembered and cards were sent early enough to be delivered on the birthdays! All this work was organized, supervised, and accomplished by Mrs. Lulek.

The missionaries were asked to indicate special items they would like to receive for their homes. When the list of items was received, Mrs. Lulek visited each circle, relaying the requests with enthusiasm and great personal interest.

What Mrs. Lulek has done has probably been repeated in hundreds of churches. But the way in which she learned the requirements of her job and then set herself about accomplishing it with God's help, to the best of her ability, is indeed thrilling to those who know her. May there be many more Ruth Luleks who accept the challenge offered to the chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries and who dedicate themselves to the keeping of our missionaries constantly in the thoughts and prayers of those at home!

Our Interest and Prayers

Do our missionaries want our interest and prayers?

The following excerpt from a letter of one of our missionaries to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies gives us an answer to this question.

"For thirty years of our service in the Congo, we considered that missionary work was pushing out into an isolated area of the world and being forgotten by all except a comparatively small group of personal friends.

"That idea now has been made obsolete because you put us on the list of the state of ..... as special interest missionaries. We have had more letters from this state in the few months that we have been on its list than we have had during our thirty years of service. . . .

"The letters have come in from large centers and small, and it has been a new experience in our missionary career.

"We have taken pains to answer all of them personally and to put all correspondents on our news letter mailing list.

"Thank you for having assigned us to ....."

If we have had any doubts about the value of our special interest missionary work, this letter will, doubtless, set us straight. Probably this letter expresses the feeling of many other missionaries also.

Are the bills paid?

Each year the Public Relations Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies sends a copy of the *Book of Remembrance* to the missionaries on foreign fields. The bill for the *Book of Remembrance* is sent to the state to which the missionary is assigned as a special interest missionary. This gift means so much to the missionary and the states appreciate having the books sent for them. Let us be sure, however, that the payment of the bill has not been overlooked.

Government Restrictions for Parcel Post

Our mission treasurer in Assam, India, has sent the following information: "The importation of goods as gifts or otherwise for private and personal use without an Import Trade Control License from eastern/western countries is limited to *ten dollars* and therefore no parcels should be dispatched to them in excess of that amount, *including the cost of postage*. If the value of the contents, *including postage, exceeds ten dollars*, then an attempt should be made to ship the contents in two or more packages at intervals of several weeks."

Let us remember this advice! We do not want to work a hardship on our missionaries when we are intending to give them pleasure. So let us follow carefully the advice of our mission treasurer in Assam, India.

Missionary Children in the States

There are ten missionary children attending colleges in eight different states of our country. Before Christmas 1959, letters were written to the state chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries in whose states are living our missionary young people who are attending college. It was suggested that the chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries in these states become "foster" parents to these young people during these years while they are separated from their families.

A Letter from Hong Kong

Though far away, Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr., our former national chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, hasn't forgotten us. She is a very busy person, doing something she hadn't counted on doing; that is, speaking in behalf of the National Council of American Baptist Women to women's groups in Hong Kong. Mrs. Gates is sending a copy of their yearbook, which will probably reveal many interesting facts in showing how our mission work is being carried on by native Christian women.

Mrs. Gates wrote: "Out here with the missionaries, I can certainly see how much they appreciate the things our women do for them. It was a touching experience for us to see the Noren family open a lovely Christmas box from the state of Washington. The Noren's felt that every gift was so thoughtful and appropriate."

If you wish to write to Mrs. Gates, her address is: 11 B Cambridge Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Pray for the Gates family in this great task of working with refugees in this big center of Hong Kong under Church World Service.

QUESTION BOX

Question: Where do you order Pen Sketches?

Answer: From your State Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Ruth McKinney (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Friends in Christian Service:

It is very good to be at home again after three and a half months' absence. It was a most interesting and inspiring experience to visit many of our mission stations in the Near and Far East. I thank all of you who remembered me with cards, with letters, and in your prayers. I was definitely led and cared for all the way.

Of course my eyes and ears were open to all factors which might have anything to do with our division of Christian Service. White Cross supplies which you have sent to several hospitals were seen. From those who received these items sincere thanks were sent back to all who had any part in preparing and shipping them. Wherever I saw equipment for service beyond that which was absolutely essential, I felt that our Love Gift might have made it possible.

In reality my entire trip was one of stressing Christian Social Relations. I went taking from Christians in America to those whom I met love and concern expressed for their welfare in every aspect of life. I return bringing to you from them love and thanks for all that they have received from you over the years.

I met many in every land who had at some time studied or visited in our country. They were filled with gratitude for the warm and kind welcome they had received in Christian homes and churches.

And Now Our Emphases for 1960-1961

Our emphases—or goals—for the vice-presidents of Christian Service will include those in the 1959 spring issue of The American Baptist Woman. Three of these goals will be emphasized especially.

1. There shall be a Guild of Intercessors in every local church.

This means that the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Service must continually remind their counterparts in the local Woman's Society that a guild should be formed. It is very encouraging to learn of the fine results in churches where there is an active Guild of Intercessors.

2. Provide at least two shipments of clothing and a donation for food for Overseas Relief through Church World Service.

A special call has come from Church World Service for blankets to be sent in addition to clean, used clothing.[1] A blanket party, to which those who could would bring blankets, might be planned for an immediate date. That the urgency of this need may be understood the special appeal made at a recent meeting of one hundred church leaders in New York is quoted: "Two million blankets, new and used, are needed urgently for refugees and other homeless people in countries where below-zero temperatures are taking daily death tolls. Church people across the country are being asked by Church World Service to join in the 'Blankets for Refugees Action.' Plans are being made to airlift some blanket shipments to severely cold areas as soon as they are received in the five Church World Service Clothing Centers." [1]

3. Become a more worthy leader in the field of Christian Service by deepening the sense of personal dedication to Christ and His Cause.

So much emphasis in our division is placed on *doing* that we are apt to fall short on *being* all that we should *be*. We must strive for dedication to the work of Christ's Kingdom, but even more let us strive to be Christ-like in our thoughts and words and deeds. If we grow *towards* the attainment of *this* goal, the other goals will naturally be reached.

Reports

Be sure to submit your reports on time this month. If you have kept an accurate record of work that has been done by your Woman's Society in our division this year, this will not prove difficult.

Be sure to fill in every space that you possibly can. We want knowledge of all the Christian Service the division has rendered. If, however, you cannot answer all the questions, do not let that deter you from sending your report. Answer as many questions as possible. What an accomplishment it would be for our division to have a report from every Woman's Society in every state this year! Let each one of us do her best to make this possible! Be sure that *your* Woman's Society has its report in and on time. The dates when reports are due are:

→ Local to association—April 15.

→ Association to state—April 22.

→ State to national—April 29.

[1] Church World Clothing Centers: New Windsor, Maryland; Nappanee, Indiana; 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y.; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri; 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, California.

Workbooks

At the close of this year, if you are retiring from office, you will want to turn your workbook over to your successor in first class order. You probably have in your workbook a listing of the items it should contain. If not, be sure to communicate with your association or state vice-president of Christian Service and request such a list. It is most important that your workbook shall contain all of the necessary material. Your workbook is the principal source of information for the new vice-president of Christian Service. Now is the time to check your workbook to be sure that it is in order.

Christmas Cards

Do you have your used Christmas cards boxed and waiting for an address so that you may start them on their way? I saw many uses made of these Christmas cards by missionaries in several places.

Our missionaries will appreciate receiving your used Christmas cards. However, in order that there may not be an oversupply of cards in one or two places and a lack in others, be sure to write to the Reverend Alfred Merrill, Administrative Secretary, Public Relations Department, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Mr. Merrill will give you the name of a missionary who desires these cards. He will also give you information in regard to sending the cards overseas.

Christian Service Luncheon

June 2, 1960 is the date for Woman's Day.

Rochester, New York, is the place.

On Woman's Day we shall have our division luncheon at which time we meet for a time of sharing and of fellowship. All vice-presidents of Christian Service and all chairmen in the division of Christian Service throughout the American Baptist Convention are urged to make plans now to be present at the division luncheon if at all possible.

A program is planned which we hope will be helpful to each member of the division in her work. If you have questions or problems or experiences which might be helpful to others, please write to me as soon as possible and tell me about them so that we can try to answer your question or share your experience during our program.

National Women's Conference

Have you ever had the very satisfying experience of attending a conference at Green Lake? If so, there is no need to urge that you attend again. If you have not, let me tell you what is in store for those who go to the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin from July 9-16, 1960.

- All of the national officers and chairmen will be at the National Women's Conference to give personal counsel as well as group seminars.
- Outstanding leaders will conduct forums and workshops.
- The quiet and inspiration of the vesper hour will refresh you.

You will be better prepared in every way for the work during the coming year if you attend the National Women's Conference, from July 9-16, 1960.

Other Opportunities

If you are unable to attend the National Women's Conference, don't miss the opportunity to learn more about your work and that of your division during your state house party. You can share in the workshops, and you will, very likely, hear reports on all that was done at the Green Lake conference. Be sure to get some training for the great opportunity that lies ahead for you.

Playlets

A request was made on these pages of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN some time ago that those who prepared playlets or skits presenting the work of our division at conventions or house parties send a copy to me at 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio, to be shared with leaders in other states. The first three which were received have been used widely; two additional skits, both very good, have recently been received. More are needed to increase the number from which the judges will choose the best, as the one to be distributed to all societies.

Do not hesitate to submit your production. Yours may be the best! Your enthusiasm for, and participation in this project to produce the best playlet or skit possible to present the work of our division of Christian Service will be appreciated.

Remember . . .

THAT an important part of our job as vice-presidents of Christian Service is to help the chairmen in our division to do their work effectively. In division meetings and in private counseling help your chairmen to understand and to execute successfully the responsibilities of their chairmanship.

The first quarter of the fiscal year has passed. Has your chairman of Love Gift received and sent in her offering each month? Urge again the giving of a Love Gift box to every woman in the church, whether she is active or not in the Woman's Society.

Encourage your chairman of White Cross to see that the quotas are filled exactly—no more, no less. A little extra gift item tucked in on the side may cause a large duty charge. These quotas will soon be in the hands of the chairman of White Cross. Work with her now and give her continuous help.

This is election year. Work with your chairman of Christian Social Relations to help the women to recognize their responsibility in connection with good government. Begin now to read and to study about those who may become candidates for office, nationally and locally. Learn about them as people, as well as about their platforms. The cry comes from women of other lands that we keep America a nation free in every way. This is their hope as well as ours.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Margaret Darling (Mrs. George R. Darling)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Start where you are—then keep going!

Sitting in an easy chair at home with snow flurries whipping naked tree limbs to eerie sights and sounds, I am reading and rereading letters from chairmen in many different parts of our country. Different women, different states—same problems!

By way of encouragement, let us consider something you may hesitate to believe—yet it is true! Not one of us is satisfied with what she has accomplished in the past! Were we satisfied, we would surely be in a rut. Josh Billings once said: "Success don't konsist in makin' no mistakes; but in not makin' the same one twicest." I don't know Josh Billings, but I do like his philosophy!

All that is required is that we make up our minds to make fewer and fewer mistakes. By living up to that resolution, we will progress. But we must start where we are—then keep going!

Whether we achieved our goal during 1959 or not, by this time we shall have changed our goal—lifted our sights—with the resultant striving for *new goals*—working toward new ideals—always keeping an eye on loftier heights still to be climbed. That, my friends, is the future which lies ahead of us. Our only limitation is the degree of our willingness to push forward, to keep going. Drift always moves from higher to lower levels. We don't realize that we are drifting until we observe landmarks. We can overcome drift by the use of a fixed point, a goal.

Our Love Gift goal of $550,000 for 1960 is going to require all the "we-ness" we can muster. No great project is ever accomplished by any *one* individual. It is always by the combined efforts of each and every one that any goal is achieved. Born with hurrying feet and a hasty heart, I am rather impatiently waiting for the American Baptist Convention to announce our 1959 Love Gift.

We already know that because of our gifts, no matter how small, the world is, for countless numbers of people having much less than we, a better and happier place in which to live. I thank God again and again that our women are so able and willing to give so much for the purpose of spreading the love of Christ. Each precious moment under his direction will give unto us a life of blessedness, one that is full of joy, unspeakable joy (1 Peter 1:8). This is the Christian women's privilege, and to every Christian woman comes this question: "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?"

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Look in Your Heart

Take time each day throughout the coming year for . . .

1. Thankfulness.

A hundred million miracles are happening every day. Open your eyes and ears as you walk along the streets. Ecstasy will smile at you from the most unlikely places. Happiness will beckon from all sorts of queer corners.

Nothing to be thankful for? Since man first left the prehistoric cave and went in search of beauty, never have there been so many fascinating things to be thankful for as there are today. Joyful giving comes from a thankful heart.

2. Quiet Contemplation.

Even in this exciting era, we can always find some opportunity for solitude and quiet contemplation. Live where we may—in a penthouse atop a soaring skyscraper, in the suburbs, or in the great open spaces—we can always find some way to be alone for a while with our own thoughts. Whether we earn our living with our brains or with our hands, by washing dishes or ironing clothes, we can—and we should—loaf a little with our own souls.

3. Compassion.

We need to observe with sympathetic eyes, the daily lives of our friends, the neighbor next door, the people we pass on the street, and study the faces of the jostling crowds. In other words, we need to rub elbows with life.

4. Vision.

When evening falls, look, if only for a few minutes, into your own heart. Open your eyes and ears to the cries of those in need. See and hear the needs of our missionaries. Are we not obligated to come to grips with the sorrows as well as the joys of life?

5. Persuasion.

Are we not impelled to give more and more of our money to relieve misery and darkness, to quiet doubts and fears, to bring laughter and joy? When we answer, "Yes," then, and then only, can we sing "A Hundred Million Miracles" are happening every day, and my Love Gift dollars are helping to bring them about.

We suggest that each chairman of Love Gift share these five emphases with all the members of her Woman's Society, with all the women in her church. Let us suggest that every American Baptist woman accept personally these emphases recommended for chairmen of Love Gift! This could become a motivation for more women to enter into a program which is constructive and far-reaching.

As chairmen of Love Gift we must talk constantly about the daily use of the Love Gift boxes, monthly dedication services, and regular reports. We should try new ways to tell the old, old story. We know the story well, but we must always remember that many women are just becoming interested and are eager to learn all about Love Gift. Let us use our imagination and ingenuity to their fullest extent in the promotion of the Love Gift!

About Counterparts . . .

Have you ever been stymied by one-way streets? Who hasn't? This business of counterparts must be "two-way" talk to be effective. As chairmen we are placed in responsible positions in which the "know-how" of doing the job well is passed on to our counterparts. This is a cumulative process and spreads to many. We cannot afford to ignore this point. We can eat the seed corn or we can plant it. We can tie our children's shoes or we can help them to tie their own shoes. We are never interested in anything of which we know nothing. We aren't going to accomplish very much until we believe in what we are doing and realize it is something we ought to do.

A chairman of Love Gift must *know* Love Gift in order to promote it. The following is credited to an illiterate preacher: "You can no more give what you ain't got than you can come back from where you hain't been." You will agree that the English is poor, but the logic is excellent.

Let us be sure to keep our communication lines open. The exchange of correspondence should be "two-way" between counterparts.

Wild Idea File

Do you have a wild idea file? That is what I call my resource file. With a well-stocked file and a grain of imagination, it is possible to create one's own original dedication services.

Dipping into my wild idea file, I found this chorus that some one gave to me. It is effective as a climax to a Love Gift Dedication Service. The tune is: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Jesus, Savior, Lord Divine,
Take this money, make it Thine.
Take it from my open hand,
May it reach some mission land.
May some soul to Thee be won,
By this deed our hands have done.
Jesus, Savior, Lord Divine,
Take this money, make it Thine.

A Love Gift Goal—yes! A Love Gift Quota or Pledge? No, no, a thousand times no!

ANNOUNCING

The Love Gift Kit

A new look in Love Gift promotion

The Love Gift Primer

A HANDBOOK OF FACTS

The "Love Gift Kit" contains Dedication Services, Hints to Chairmen, Ideas for Promotion, and a Primer. The Primer is just what the name implies. It is a manual, a handbook or reference book pertaining to the basic facts of Love Gift.

The "Love Gift Kit" and the "Love Gift Primer" will go on sale at the American Baptist Convention in Rochester, New York. Shortly after June 1, 1960, they will go on sale at American Baptist bookstores. The "Love Gift Kit," including "Primer," is priced at $1.25. The "Primer" may be purchased separately for twenty-five cents. New Love Gift boxes are free and may be ordered after June 1, 1960, from your State office.

It is believed that the "Love Gift Kit" and the "Primer" constitute a giant step forward.

Many women must be trained to assume responsibility as chairmen of Love Gift. An uninformed chairman is like "a lantern that has been turned down low."

It is with this thought in mind that the division of Christian Service of the National Council of American Baptist women present the "Love Gift Kit" and the "Love Gift Primer."

Love Gift Honor Roll

States Reporting Regularly

Arizona	New Hampshire
Northern California	New Jersey
Southern California	New York
Colorado	North Dakota
Connecticut	South Dakota
Idaho	Ohio
Illinois	Oregon
Kansas	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	Utah
Michigan	Washington
Montana	West Virginia
Nevada	Wisconsin
Nebraska	Wyoming

Undecided . . .

About a Goal? Why?

Goal: A point toward which effort is directed; the objective point or terminus that one is striving to reach; the end aimed at; as, the goal of one's ambition.

Quota: A proportional part or share required for making up a certain number or quantity; proportionate contribution.

Pledge: To bind by a promise. A guarantee for the performance of an act, contract, or duty. A formal promise to do or not to do something.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: Dorothy Bahr (Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr)
National Chairman of White Cross
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Congratulations . . .

To all Chairmen of White Cross!

To chairmen who have served during 1959-1960, congratulations for work well done! Splendid achievement is the result of the *work with our hands.*

To newly elected chairmen, congratulations on your acceptance of a worth-while challenge, and welcome to a fellowship of Christian service, world-wide in its outreach and impact for Christ!

Spring again reminds us of the new life wrought by the Creator. At the beginning of this new program year, let us bow low to the accomplishments of the year just finished, with its increased shipping, requests for more quotas, additional women at the sessions, and increased interest in the use of promotional materials. But with the Apostle Paul, let us forget "those things which are behind, . . ." and press on to "those things which are before, . ." (Philippians 3:13).

Through White Cross women have the opportunity to express their Christian devotion in a tangible way. This year let us strive to help more women in each church to recognize the opportunity that is theirs through participation in White Cross.

The work of the chairman of White Cross includes the following areas, each of great importance to the total program: promotion, quotas, work session, shipping, and reports. Without any one of these, White Cross could not proceed, and our mission work both here and overseas would suffer. We can never overstress the vital importance of each phase of our work together.

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Be sure to refer to these emphases periodically. They are intended to help organize your work and to suggest ideas. Place this page of The American Baptist Woman in your workbook, which you, doubtless, received from the former chairman of White Cross. The manual and workbook are always a main source of information.

1. Send quotas early.

→ The offices of both the home and foreign mission societies send the quotas to state chairmen each year in the spring. This is to enable each state chairman of White Cross to work on association assignments before the house party. The quota should go to your counterpart as soon as possible following its receipt. Many local societies print their quotas in the yearbook, and a delay causes a real problem. Please do not delay in forwarding the quotas!

→ Reply promptly after receiving the quota, letting your counterpart know that the quota she has assigned to you will be filled *or* that after prayerful consideration the quota needs rethinking either because you feel the assignment is too small to challenge your society or too large for satisfactory accomplishment. This should be done at once so that the quotas can be reassigned and our missionaries will be supplied with the requests that are necessary for their work.

→ If there is anything you do not understand about the quota, do not hesitate to ask for information. No question is too inconsequential; mistakes can be avoided by asking first.

Local chairmen ask your association counterpart about quota details.

Association chairmen, having questions, should inquire of their state chairman of White Cross.

State chairmen with questions about: (1) *Overland* quotas should inquire of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York; (2) *Overseas* quotas, should write to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

If the chairman attempting to answer the question is *uncertain* as to the right reply, it is wise to forward the question to either the national *home* or *foreign* mission society.

→ Ship to the right place:

Overland quotas for the United States, including Alaska and Puerto Rico, are sent to the missionary named on the quota. This is direct mail from you to the missionary. Instructions for Haiti vary; therefore, follow closely the directions on quotas for Haiti.

Quotas to the Philippines are sent direct to the missionary.

Overseas quotas for Assam, Burma, Congo, South India, are the only quotas to be sent to the shipper for packing; the money (thirty-five cents per pound) toward overseas shipment is sent to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Be sure to follow through on this point.

→ The Bulk Purchase Plan applies to Overseas work. This was devised to help societies in supplying articles which cannot be made but must be purchased for our

hospitals and schools in other lands. This Bulk Purchase Plan has proved helpful in that it saves the local society the need to purchase and to mail such items to the shipper. The price of the item includes the thirty-five cents per pound toward overseas shipping. If some groups, however, prefer to purchase these supplies locally, feeling that in so doing the individual workers have a sense of greater participation, this may be done. All overseas fields are included in the Purchase Plan, namely: Assam, Burma, Congo, the Philippines, and South India.

Please note: In the case of home missionaries, although money may be sent with which to purchase requested articles, it is frequently better to send the item itself. When stores are inaccessible or time for shopping is limited, it is very helpful to receive the requested article by mail. If money is to be sent for Overland articles, be sure to send it *to the missionary named on the quota.*

→ This year the *quota sheets will look different.* In response to a request, made at the 1959 National Women's Conference, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, both Overland and Overseas quota sheets will have a report blank attached. As your quota for each missionary is completed, the report is made out and filed until report time arrives. In April, when you make out the annual report, found in the *Annual Report Book* sent to each local president, attach these sheets to the report and send to your association chairman of White Cross.

→ A calendar marked for next year, indicating dates for the completion of each task, will assure the completion at the proper time of each area of the work. All boxes must be out by April first to be included in the yearly report.

→ Reporting accomplishment on time need not be difficult if records have been kept up-to-date throughout the year.

2. Strengthen the chain which links you to your fellow workers in White Cross.

Do you know those in your association who are active in this work? Make at least one new friend in White Cross this year. Fellowship and helpful ideas will develop.

3. Keep an up-to-date workbook.

An up-to-date workbook for the chairman of White Cross includes: Division of Christian Service leaflet; your pages from THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN; the Overland Bulletin and the Overseas Bulletin, containing shipping instructions, recent news, and priceless missionary letters; last year's report; file of Dedication Services and skits; file of clippings on your White Cross at work on the mission fields; pen sketches of missionaries to whom you send quotas (obtainable at five cents each from your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries); record of shipping; record of Bulk Purchases (Overseas); record of money sent direct to home missionary for purchase of item on Overland quota; other expense records. You will have other things to place in your workbook, such as: pictures from the local press at time of dedication of quota; church bulletins referring to White Cross, and programs written locally for information and promotion. When your term of office is completed, this workbook should go to your successor.

4. Make plans for a Dream Session.

A dream session can enlarge the scope of White Cross. It can be exciting and also fun. It should be held at the beginning of the year to be most helpful and most effective.

- Invite the president of the Woman's Society and the vice-president of Christian Service so that they may know of your plans and make their contribution. A *state* chairman might invite the women of her area, who have a knowledge of White Cross. An *association* chairman would ask the local chairmen of White Cross. A local chairman in a society with circles would invite the leader, in each circle, who carries the responsibility for White Cross. Even the smallest group will find that "where two or three are gathered" a new vision results.
- Have an appealing setting such as: a porch party, a garden spot, or even a simple coffee klatsch or brunch.
- Present informally the complete story of White Cross. Mention the accomplishments of last year and be prepared to answer questions regarding the work. Keep the presentation brief and light.
- Introduce discussion on how to improve the program of White Cross. Who should work on White Cross? How can we relate what we do here to its purpose on the fields? Can we improve the setting in which we do the work? Can we better inform our churches on what White Cross is and what it accomplishes?
- Set a time most suitable for acting upon each suggestion made by the assembled group, if it is deemed worthy of adoption.
- Dream great dreams! Appoint helpers to assist you and ask God's guidance that together you may strive to make these dreams come true.

5. Attend one more conference than you did last year.

Conferences are designed to inform and to help you in leading others in the accomplishment of our work in the area of White Cross. The conference could be in conjunction with a leadership training session, an association meeting, a house party, or the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

At a session on White Cross we have an opportunity to:

→ Share a moment of worship with others of like minds.

→ Meet others interested in our work.

→ Discuss with the group the aim of White Cross and how to accomplish its purpose.

→ Discuss effective methods of procedure and indicate where helps may be found.

→ Find an exhibit of helpful materials on White Cross.

→ Receive specific instructions on new regulations.

→ Get answers to questions and many good, new ideas.

With all these possibilities, we can't afford to forego attendance at as many conferences as possible.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: Olive Tiller (Mrs. Carl W. Tiller)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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I. Goals for your Personal Development:

→ 1. Read, study, and pray, in order that you may be well-informed, and that you may better understand the application of Jesus' teachings in the field of human relations.

→ 2. Use the following materials prepared for you:

- "So You Are the Chairman of Christian Social Relations."
- Resolutions of the American Baptist Convention.
- The American Baptist Woman.
- *Missions.*
- *Crusader.*
- *The Church Woman.*
- Current pamphlets issued by the Department of Christian Friendliness of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and the Council on Christian Social Progress.

→ 3. Avail yourself of the training opportunities open to you:

- In your association and state.
- At the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 9-16, 1960. Conference theme: "This Community of Mine."
- At the interdenominational Churchmen's Washington Seminar, Washington, D. C., February 7-10, 1961.

II. Goals for your Society in CSR *Methods:*

→ 1. Set up a committee of concerned women to carry on the work in the area of Christian Social Relations. Do not allow this work to become a one-woman job, performed by you alone as chairman of Christian Social Relations. Represent your Woman's Society on a church-wide committee or council on social action or progress.

→ 2. Consult the annual report form frequently. It will help you to plan a well-rounded program. It will also keep before you the statistics on which you will be asked to make a report at the end of the year.

→ 3. Promote observance of special days and seasons: World Community Day, May Fellowship Day, Race Relations Sunday, Brotherhood Week, and United Nations Week.

→ 4. Arrange for a brunch at which to discuss the concerns of our area of work as indicated in the following columns.

→ 5. Select at least one new project, continuing those which have been previously successful.

III. Goals for your Society in CSR *Projects:*

→ 1. Continue the use of Group Conversation. Use imagination in finding new opportunities where this versatile approach to human relations may be employed. Try it wherever there is a need for better understanding, closer fellowship, or improved relationships. In each association have a team trained in the method of Group Conversation to give help to local societies.

→ 2. Find Racial Counterparts. The purpose of this goal is that the members of your Woman's Society, after they locate in Negro Baptist churches women who are carrying responsibilities identical or similar to theirs, become acquainted with their counterparts by studying together the book entitled *Race and Conscience in America.*[1] This project was outlined in the 1960 winter issue of The American Baptist Woman, page 28.

→ 3. Study the resolutions of the American Baptist Convention.[2]

→ 4. Develop *world* consciousness through three emphases:

a. Promote interest in, and study of the United Nations. The use of the filmstrip, "The United Nations Way to Freedom," produced by the United Church Women, is suggested.[3]

Whenever possible, encourage visits to the United Nations by arranging special trips, or by attending the Baptist U.N. and Foreign Policy Seminar in New York City, November 14-16, 1960.

Participate in the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" project at Halloween.

b. Extend hospitality to foreign students. The number of these students from abroad continue to increase. Since they may become influential leaders in their own countries within the next few years, their impressions of America can well be a large factor in shaping the destiny of the world. What these students need most is a feeling of being appreciated as *individuals.* This feeling can best be created by the establishment of contin-

[1] Order from the Department of Christian Friendliness, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 50 cents.

[2] Order from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, one to ten copies, free; $1.00 per 100 copies.

[3] Order from the Broadcasting and Film Commission, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, $7.00.

uing relationship between family and student, rather than a one-time entertainment.

c. Continue aid to world refugees. The World Refugee Year comes to an end in June, 1960, but our concern for those who have been liberated from camps must continue. For a long time to come, these people in trying to become accustomed to a new country and a new way of life will require not only material assistance but they will need love and compassion. Our denomination is resettling refugees through the Department of Christian Friendliness of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

→ 5. Exercise responsible Christian citizenship in matters of *national* concern. This may be accomplished in the following ways by:

a. Making use of the voting franchise. In this election year, intelligent, keen judgment will be required. The Christian woman has an obligation to keep herself well-informed and to act according to Christian principles as she understands them.

b. Sending to legislators letters of sound and Christian views on issues before Congress. American citizens have the right and the privilege—and the duty—to raise their voices on matters that concern them. If Christian influence is to be felt in our laws, it must be accomplished by church people making their views known.

c. Working for equality in civil rights. Wherever an individual's freedom is threatened or endangered, Christians must be alert and courageous enough to act in his behalf. Groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union are organized for the protection of each person's right to freedom.

d. Observing "The Church and Economic Life Week" in January. Sponsored by the National Council of Churches, this emphasis focuses attention on such economic problems as want in the midst of plenty, minimum wage laws, conditions among migrants, and so forth.

e. Co-operating in the Nation-wide Program for Peace. Write to the Council on Christian Progress [2] for descriptive brochure.

→ 6. Participating in *community* action in your area on local problems such as: housing, schools, alcoholism, delinquency, and fair employment practice. Wise community action in groups such as citizens' associations, PTA's, good government groups, and fraternal organizations depends on Christians making their influence felt.

→ 7. Seek to develop better relationships and more active concerns *in your own church.*

a. Have a program for senior citizens. This is a large and ever-growing group in most churches, and population experts tell us it will continue to increase in size and potential activity. There is a huge reservoir of unused time and talent here, which might well be employed very constructively. Any program that uplifts and challenges will attract most senior citizens. One such program is the "Senior Peacebuilders" program, which has been launched in California, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Thomas Culver. For information about the program, write to Mrs. Culver at 1890 Arch Street, Berkeley 9, California.

b. Work toward an integrated church. While this may need to be a step-by-step effort, each step is important. One step might be an exchange, possibly for an extended period, of Sunday church school teachers with a church of another race. A further step could be the observance of an interracial fellowship day, with Group Conversation to provide a common point of contact.

Citizenship—Free and Responsible

This is the theme for May Fellowship Day, Friday, May 6, 1960. It is a particularly fitting theme for this election year, for it is only through active participation in governmental affairs that we can fully appreciate and increase the opportunities which are ours. On May Fellowship Day, Christian women of many denominations throughout the United States will join in learning what it means to accept political responsibility and find out what they can do to engage themselves and their communities in some specific civic activity.

National Board Speaks Out Against Intolerance

At the February, 1960, meeting of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, the following resolution was adopted:

"Recent demonstrations of religious bigotry and racial intolerance have shocked and grieved us, and are an offense to our belief in the brotherhood of man. We believe that such acts are in opposition to Christian principles of love, peace, and universal fellowship, and are a repudiation of the highest traditions of our American democratic heritage.

"We affirm our belief that freedom of worship is a fundamental right of every person, and express our rejection and abhorrence of outbursts of fanaticism and hatred that are a denial of this right.

"At the same time, we acknowledge our own share of guilt that such events could occur, and we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts in making our pronouncements a reality."

Similar statements from other Protestant groups will add strength to this witness, and will demonstrate the church's concern in bettering human relations.

"Sticking Up" for Minorities

United Church Women in the state of Washington have been using little stickers, similar to the address labels that are so popular, which bear this message: "I am a customer who would welcome being served by those whose race, creed, or color may be different from my own."

"People-to-People"

The "People-to-People" program is a voluntary, non-partisan effort of individuals and citizens' groups to help create international friendship and understanding. It began in September, 1956, when President Eisenhower called a conference of leading Americans and indicated that he was seeking a plan for the building of new bridges of international good will. He suggested that there be enlisted in the cause of peace ". . . millions of Americans acting through person-to-person communication in foreign lands."

If you are interested in joining this non-political effort to help build and maintain a lasting peace, write to: People-to-People Hobbies Committee, Inc., 153 Waverly Place, New York 14, New York, indicating your hobby. Your letter will be referred to the proper committee. There is no charge and no obligation.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: Olga Bell (Mrs. Ivan B. Bell)
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Emphases for 1960-1961

For Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

The successful Woman's Baptist Mission Society in the church is not an accident. It results when each officer and chairman . . .

. . . is aware of the responsibilities of her office.
. . . makes well-defined plans for the year.
. . . supports every activity with prayer.

As vice-presidents of Christian Training, we will want to give careful consideration to the goals to be reached in 1960-1961. It is important that we plan adequately and pray fervently that the goals may be achieved.

1. Understand the purpose of the office.

→ Supervise, correlate, and promote the work of the division of Christian Training.
→ Arouse concern and initiate in the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society a program for the training of the women in Christian beliefs, Christian living, and Christian leadership. Such a program is to be created through the areas of Spiritual Life, Family Life, and Leadership Training.
→ Interpret and sustain the scholarship program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the American Baptist Convention.

2. Adopt a study program.

→ Read the *Leader's Guide* for the vice-presidents of Christian Training and the chairmen in the division of Christian Training. (*Leader's Guides* were printed in The American Baptist Woman, Volume II, No. 2, March, 1958. The complete set, printed in booklet form, is available at your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents.) Note the relationship of the vice-president of Christian Training to the executive committee, the board of managers, and the division of Christian Training. Become familiar with your personal duties and the work of the chairmen in the division of Christian Training.
→ Read current American Baptist periodicals and recommended interdenominational literature.
→ Read at least one book during 1960-1961 in the field of leadership techniques. Two books are listed for your consideration: *The Group Workshop Way in the Church*, by Paul F. Douglass, Association Press, price, four dollars; and *You Can't Be Human Alone*, by Margaret E. Kuhn, Judson Press, price, 40 cents. These books are available at Baptist bookstores.

3. Hold stimulating division meetings.

→ Endeavor to have three chairmen in your division so that you can have an over-all perspective of the work of the division.
→ Hold at least four division meetings a year.
→ Prepare an agenda for each meeting.
→ Co-ordinate, but do not control, the work of the division.
→ Evaluate each activity of the division, recording suggestions for future use.
→ Make certain that the emphases of the division are regularly presented to the Woman's Baptist Mission Society through announcements, programs, and projects.

4. Co-operate in planning the annual leadership training emphasis.

→ Urge the chairman of Leadership Training and the chairman of Spiritual Life to attend the association Training Conference on Depth Bible Study. In a two-and-a-half hour training session, these chairmen will learn the technique of this new dimension in Bible study. They will be trained to help your Woman's Baptist Mission Society and circles to establish face-to-face groups where women will read the Bible for fresh concepts and new understanding. The experience of sharing new insights from this study may well result in a deeper desire to witness for Christ in word and action.
→ Serve on the Planning Committee of your Woman's Baptist Mission Society to organize Depth Bible Study groups in your Woman's Society and circles. Others on the Planning Committee are the chairman of Leadership Training, who presides at the committee meetings, the chairman of Spiritual Life, the vice-president of Business and Professional Women, and the president of the Woman's Society.
→ Create, with the chairman of Leadership Training and the chairman of Spiritual Life, an awareness in your Woman's Baptist Mission Society that Depth Bible Study is related to the 1960-1961 Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis, "Mission in the Local Church."

5. Continue to promote the CHEC (Christian Higher Education Challenge) program.

→ Urge the women, if your church has not had its fund-raising campaign for CHEC, to share in this program for the support of Baptist higher education.
→ Encourage the payment of CHEC pledges, remembering that some people need an occasional reminder regarding their obligations.
→ Share facts, in your Woman's Baptist Mission Society

meetings, about the way CHEC dollars are strengthening American Baptist higher education. Watch for information in American Baptist periodicals. (*Baptist Leader*, February, 1960, contains an informative article by Dr. Paul C. Carter, director of public relations for the Board of Education and Publication, entitled, "Putting CHEC Dollars to Work.")

→ Seek to increase the interest of American Baptist women in higher education. Suggest to the Program Committee of your Woman's Society that they include in this year's schedule one program that will interpret the nature of higher education from the Christian point of view. There are many Christian administrators and professors who live and work in an academic community who would be happy to speak on this subject.

6. Encourage interest in scholarship programs.

→ Serve as a member of the Scholarship Committee, if your Woman's Society has a Scholarship Committee.

→ Interpret, together with the Scholarship Committee, the State Woman's Baptist Mission Society scholarship program. Share information about the scholarship recipients and their needs.

→ Keep the women informed about the American Baptist National Scholarship program. Remind them that their pledge to CHEC strengthens this endeavor.

→ Be on the alert for scholarship information in magazines, newspapers, and American Baptist publications. Share this information with the Scholarship Committee.

7. Do a first-rate job!

Don't be content to do a second-rate job for God. ". . . all things should be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40 RSV).

Plan a Meeting of the Division of Christian Training

Do It Now!

At the beginning of the new program year, it is extremely essential that your division meets to plan its work and procedure. Now is the time to set the date, the place, and the hour of meeting. Make certain that all the chairmen can be present.

And Here's How!

Attention to details is essential if a meeting is to be conducted efficiently. As vice-president of Christian Training, you must plan carefully the agenda of the division meeting. The following items should be included:

- Prayer or devotional thought
- Minutes or summary of the last meeting
- Financial statement. Money should have been allotted in the Woman's Society budget for division expenses, such as correspondence, literature, and so forth. (If this has been overlooked, decide upon the amount you will need and have a recommendation ready for the next meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.)
- Reports:
  - → Chairman of Spiritual Life
  - → Chairman of Family Life
  - → Chairman of Leadership Training
  - → Vice-President of Christian Training
- Evaluation of recent division programs or projects.
- Report of recommendations from the executive committee.
- Review of Goals of each division member and make plans for immediate activities.
- Check last year's annual report to make sure that each member of the division has in mind recommendations to strengthen this year's program.
- Determine whether there are materials, such as plays or programs, to be submitted to the chairman of Program of the Woman's Society.
- Determine whether there are materials or information to be shared with circles; plan how this is to be done.
- Be sure each chairman is keeping her workbook up-to-date.
- Consider recommendations that the division wishes to make to the executive committee or to the board of managers. These recommendations should be in writing.
- Set the date for the next meeting of the division.
- Adjourn with prayer

NOTE: There may be other items to be included in your division agenda. This agenda is merely an outline to help you determine how to make your division meeting more effective.

Attend the

Division of Christian Training Luncheon

Woman's Day, June 2, 1960 — Rochester, New York

12:00-1:30 P.M. — Price, $2.00

Share in a Question and Answer Period with

Mildred Kreager
Vivian Randle
Verda Albrecht
Olga Bell

Hear an Inspiring Message on Effective Leadership by

Dr. Kenneth L. Cober, *Executive Director*
Division of Christian Education
Board of Education and Publication

It's Better to Buy a Book!

When you buy a book, you have it for immediate reference; you can mark it, underlining striking sentences and making notations in the margin; you have it easily available for rereading; and you can lend it to another person.

QUESTION BOX

QUESTION: Why is it necessary for the vice-president of Christian Training to serve on the Woman's Baptist Mission Society Scholarship Committee?

Answer: A great deal of scholarship information is being made available to the National Council of American Baptist Women, which needs to be channeled to Scholarship Committees. The vice-president of Christian Training has been chosen as the logical person to disseminate this information, but she cannot act effectively unless she serves as a member of the committee.

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: Mildred Kreager (Mrs. A. Paul Kreager)
National Chairman of Spiritual Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases for 1960-1961
For the Chairman of Spiritual Life

1. Thank God for the opportunity of serving him and ask for his guidance. (Refer to John 15:16.)

2. Seek spiritual renewal through . . .

a. disciplined, systematic Bible study. To the Old Testament commandment in Deuteronomy 6:5, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might," the word *mind* is added in the New Testament in Mark 12:30, and the word "strength" replaces the word "might." "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy *mind*, and with all thy strength: . . ."

In *Basic Interpretation*, Second-Year Baptist Jubilee Advance Guide, page 10, we read: "What is required is a study of the Bible which will confront us with the implications of the Cross and the imperative to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in all the involvements of our daily life and work, whether as citizen, parent, employer, employee, or any other role which the individual plays . . . In our day, the advance of the Gospel waits upon *our* recovery, as the 'people of God' of our mission to be in our daily life witnesses of God's redeeming love."

The Bible Book of the Month plan is an aid to our reading. A special leaflet has been prepared. This describes the Bible reading program for a fifteen months' period. Commencing in the 1960 fall issue of The American Baptist Woman, an analysis of each book will be included. This analysis will be prepared by the committee for the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

b. the discipline of prayer. To accomplish this may require radical reorganization of daily routine. We must plan for prayer that it may become a vital experience. We must listen to God, commune with him every day. Suggested reading includes: *Ways of Praying*,[1] by Muriel Lester, price, 25 cents; *Is Prayer Intelligent?*"[1] by George Buttrick, price, 15 cents; the portion on prayer in *Religious Living*,[1] by Georgia Harkness, price, 50 cents.

Another suggestion: Observe Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, December 2, 1960.

c. the use of *Secret Place*, *Book of Remembrance*, devotional books, Christian Classics. A list of devotional books may be ordered by writing to me at 4349 Crawford Drive, Madison 5, Wisconsin. Please enclose ten cents for each list requested.

d. Evangelism. Participate in the Baptist Jubilee Advance as a member of the training committee. Encourage the women of your church to attend the School of Evangelism and to help in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Effort. Refer to "This, Women Can Do in the Baptist Jubilee Advance," which is included in the packet of materials that your pastor has for the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

3. Help set up and train the women in the conference planned in your state and association for Depth Bible Study. Encourage the women in your church to experience this encounter with the Word of God. Obtain "Depth Bible Study Guide" from the American Baptist bookstore in your area. Price, 25 cents. All books listed in the bibliography may be purchased from American Baptist bookstores.[1]

Note carefully. *You* will be serving on two committees:

a. The committee for the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, formed by the board or committee of Christian Education, with the following additional members: chairman of Spiritual Life for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, chairman of Growth for Men's Fellowship, Christian Faith Chairman of the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

b. The committee within the framework of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. This committee is composed of the chairman of Leadership Training, chairman of Spiritual Life, vice-president of Business and Professional Women, vice-president of Christian Training, and the president, ex-officio. This committee will plan for specific training in Depth Bible Study, which will be the emphasis in the Woman's Society and the circles beginning in the fall.

4. Interpret to the members of your Woman's Society the purpose of the Special Children's Day Offering, June 12, 1960. Help them to see that the "Winning the Children for Christ" program is a part of our evangelistic opportunity.

May I hope to meet you on . . .

→ **June 2, 1960** at Woman's Day, American Baptist Convention, Rochester, New York?

→ **July 9-16, 1960,** at the National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin?

→ **July 23-30, 1960,** at the Evangelism Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin?

[1] American Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

Prayer Calls for 1960-1961
For Our Mission Needs during . . .

May — **Bible Books: 1, 2 Thessalonians**

Pray for the goal of the Second Year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance: "that every church may be renewed and that every Christian may grow in grace."

Pray for the strengthening of Christian homes and family life.

Pray that the Medical Evangelistic Centers newly opened in Bengal-Orissa may become established for the healing of the bodies and spirits of many village people.

June — **Bible Book: 2 Samuel**

Pray in thanksgiving for association officers and chairmen who have assumed leadership this year in their Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Pray for God's care and mercies to Baptist leaders who will be flying or sailing from many lands to Rio de Janeiro for the Baptist World Alliance.

Pray for increased understanding of the significance of the "Winning the Children for Christ" program.

July — **Bible Books: 1, 2, 3 John**

Pray that women attending house parties, conferences, and workshops during the summer may have opportunities to share new insights and methods that will help circle, society, and church.

Pray that American Baptists may respond to the needs of homeless, despairing people whom we are trying to resettle in this World Refugee Year. (American Baptists goal: six hundred new refugee cases.)

Pray for refugees who are being aided by the thousands through gifts and the labor of Christians overseas. Pray that these workers may realize that our hearts and hands join theirs.

August — **Bible Book: Jeremiah**

Pray for the readiness of the members of circles and societies for the second-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance: "Renewal of the Church."

Pray for God's guidance of the leaders at the National Missions Conference at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, during the week of August 6-13, and for those who seek training.

Pray for Alaska that the Christian witness may be strong enough to persuade Alaskans to support their state through taxation rather than legalized gambling.

September — **Bible Book: Hebrews**

Pray for the growing work of the Good Samaritan Hospital at Limbe, Haiti, for Dr. William H. Hodges and Nurse Dorothy Lincoln, that their healing ministry may cover all of life.

Pray that the gainfully employed women of the church may find a challenge in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, which has been planned with them to meet their needs.

Pray for Baptist boys and girls who are entering high schools in the Belgian Congo for the first time. Many will leave their village homes to live in dormitories. Pray also for their families.

October — **Bible Book: Revelation**

Pray for the many first-time missionaries who are studying a new language or are launching upon new responsibilities.

Pray for the reorganized Mexican Baptist Convention that leaders and people may move out in their own mission program.

Pray that the children of the community will gain a feeling of kinship with the children of the world as they join in the UNICEF program on Halloween.

November — **Bible Book: Psalms**

Pray that all members of all circles and all Woman's Baptist Mission Societies will recognize their right as free responsible citizens to vote, and will take advantage of this great privilege as a duty.

Pray for the three new American Baptist churches in Hawaii, that their new church buildings may become truly instrumental in leading toward salvation.

Pray giving first place to gratitude—since we are citizens of the only nation in the world with a day set apart for Thanksgiving—that God permits us to have a share in his plan of redemption for all mankind.

December — **Bible Book: Luke**

Pray that all Baptist women in the community may join in planning and participating in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, December 2, 1960.

Pray for the Convocation on the Mission of the Church that American Baptists through study and prayer may find ways to develop each church as a truly redemptive force in the community.

Pray, during this month when Christmas affords special opportunity to present God's love expressed through his incarnation in Christ, for your missionaries who are seizing every opportunity to make Christ known.

January — **Bible Book: Exodus**

Pray that God may open up ways of getting Christian literature printed and distributed more readily in India.

Pray that the Christian employed woman may prove effective in her Christian witness wherever she works.

Pray for the first national In-Service training conference for all home missionaries to be held following the 1961 Convocation that our missionaries may be strengthened and encouraged for meeting the challenges of this complex era.

February — **Bible Book: Acts**

Pray for Baptists in Cuba that they may be effective witnesses for Christ and may help to build a nation grounded in righteousness.

Pray, during this month of brotherhood, for the hundreds of adults and youth, who are the only Christian members of their families, and who are being continually pressed to return to their former religion.

Pray that each woman will participate in the School of Evangelism and in the study, "The Nature of the Gospel," discovering her mission in the community.

March — **Bible Book: Deuteronomy**

Pray for a glorious observance of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer.

Pray for homemaker's groups in Japan who meet each Friday to learn good health habits, to sew, to read, and how to pray.

Pray for Indian Americans as they move into new relationships in their own Indian communities as well as into new ways of living in cities.

April — **Bible Books: Philippians, Galatians**

Pray for the nurture and recruitment of an ever-enlarging corps of missionary personnel dedicated and trained for work on new frontiers in cities, towns, and country.

Pray giving thanks for the spiritual renewal developed through participation in small groups organized for Depth Bible Study in the Woman's Society.

Pray that the new members in overseas churches—thirty-one thousand baptisms on overseas fields according to the last annual report—may be nurtured in the faith and that God will raise up leaders among them.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: Vivian Randle (Mrs. Stacy Randle)
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Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases for 1960-1961

1. Co-operate with the church committee on Adult Work.[1]

Although the chairman of Spiritual Life is the key person from the Woman's Society to serve on the Baptist Jubilee Advance second-year committee, the "Call to Bible study, prayer, and reading in home and church" presents an unmistakable challenge to all chairmen of Family Life. The purposes of the "Call" are:

→ a. To help families recognize the importance of Bible study, prayer, and reading in the life of the home and church.

→ b. To help families understand and use home study materials related to the church school curriculum.

→ c. To help families establish or develop "together time" for reading or discussing religious materials and subjects.

As a member of the church committee on adult work, you will assist in planning the observance of National Family Week in May, 1961.[2] It will be your responsibility to keep the members of the Woman's Society informed about the week's plans and to encourage each person to save the date for this meaningful experience.

2. Carry a program to the circles in your Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Circle leaders will be glad to schedule such a program. This would be a good time to speak of the *need for Christian foster homes.* Your county Welfare Board or children's home will have information you can use.

You might wish to discuss the need *for working with the counselor for students and service personnel:* (a) to encourage and help young people to attain an adequate education for life; (b) to create a friendly atmosphere for young people visiting your church while studying or training in the community. You will receive much help along this line from articles in *The Baptist Leader* by Dr. Warren Mild, department of educational services of the American Baptist Convention.

Another timely topic for a circle program would be *"Parenthood as a Stewardship,"* developing the thought that parents are the instruments through which God's loving concern for children is expressed. Send ten cents to me at 377 North Main Street, Milltown, New Jersey, for mimeographed material to help you. A discussion time is essential for best results in all Family Life Programs.

[1] Refer to "This You Can Do in Adult Work." Order from Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, 15 cents.

[2] Order from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York: Leaflet, "This Is For You," price 5 cents; program, "Lives to Live By," price, 35 cents.

The Three Stages

[Continued from 1960 winter issue of The American Baptist Woman, *page 34.]*

Speaker: These are exciting days in the life of a girl and her mother. Courtship, someone has said, is the time when a girl is trying to decide whether or not she can do any better! She needs sympathy and understanding as she tries also to help a bachelor make up his mind.

We've lived with Susie through the hectic days of growing up. Now she has chosen a husband, who, of course, thinks he did the choosing! And the *during children,* the second stage of life, according to Margaret Mead, is here.

Susie may feel like giving up contacts outside the home. Going out hardly seems worth-while. It involves so many uncertainties: dressing, while two or three little ones beg for attention; wondering whether or not the baby-sitter will appear; and if she does, will she go to sleep on the job.

A young mother recently spoke of the thrill of two hours to herself in the morning. Two hours with no questions to answer, no rushing out to find Tommy in the street, or sitting on top of the piano, or pulling paper from the living room walls. Even loving their children as mothers do, they need a little apartness instead of full-time togetherness. Remember the gingham dog and the calico cat? They literally ate each other up because day after dreary day they "side by side on the table sat." Mothers of the very young also crave adult conversation. And this very real need is being meet by Family Life discussion groups.

But since our Susie grew up in a home where there was love, understanding, and respect, she will not be floored by the terrible two's, and the trying three's; nor even by the fighting five's or the naughty nine's. She will enjoy many rewarding moments through the busy days; for example, when her own little Susie has been very, very naughty, little Susie may smile suddenly and ask with Mary Alice Jones, "Did God know you liked curly hair, when he gave you me?"

Susie's children continue to grow and soon reach the 9-13 stage. This "stretch of no man's land" is the time when the nicest children begin to behave in the most awful way. They never sit still; they run instead of walk. They twiddle their thumbs, scratch their ears, screw up their faces. They are fascinated by gory stories.

This is the time when some mothers decide they want a career, not necessarily a paying job. However in keeping up contacts outside the home, they may take on so many responsibilities in church and community as soon to be putting in as many hours as the gainfully employed woman. I can see one of them now seated at the kitchen table, trying to write letters: sheets of paper fly about, the cooker boils over, Tommy pulls the cat's tail. The children have finished lunch and are ready to return to school.

[Audience participation. Voices from the floor.]

VOICE 1: Mother may we bring the gang home after school?

VOICE 2: Not today. I won't be home this afternoon. PTA meeting, and you and Mary have Scouts, Alice has Brownies, and Tommy his violin lesson."

VOICE 1: Tomorrow, then?

VOICE 2: Tomorrow you girls have music lessons. Friday is the Little League game and we're all going to watch Tommy make a home run.

SPEAKER: Now this busy mother thumbs through her calendar trying to find a day when the children can bring their friends home to play. She mumbles: laundry-movies-ironing-shopping-wax floors-PTA-committee meeting-Woman's Society.

VOICE 2: Next week doesn't look any better. Hurry now and don't be late for school.

VOICE 3: You said you were going to help me with some things. My graduation dress doesn't fit; I want to have the crowd here after the class dinner. . . . You promised I could all year, and now the year's about over. . . ."

VOICE 2: You'll have to wait till later, dear.

SPEAKER: What's happening here? Is this the place for which Jesus was searching the night he was purported to have returned to earth looking for a place to lay his head? It has been suggested we use our busyness as a flight from God, not only in the home as Susie is doing here, but in the Woman's Society perhaps this is true. Bake a cake, check the program, call the people on the list—and how necessary all of this is—then there isn't time to think, to meditate, to worship in silence, to commune with God.

Will we be too busy with organization, with the details of living both at home and church, as important as it all seems at the moment, to live our religion twenty-four hours a day? Or will ours be a *true, living evangelism* in these years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance and beyond?

Am I contradicting earlier statements to keep in touch with old friends, to make new friends during the "with children" state in order to insure a full life in the "after children" time? I believe not. We can be moderate in church and community activity; we can put home and family first in accordance with God's plan. A mother is serving God when she ministers to her children and husband in an unhurried manner, when she respects them as people, and listens to them with her heart. She is ministering to God when she gives, rather than *things, herself* to home and family.

Now let's hurry on for a quick look at the last third of life—the third for which the first was made.

This last third has been labeled the "empty nest" period of life. Empty nest—far from it! Yes, Susie will probably long for gym shoes on the parlor floor and books scattered over the dining room chairs, but right now the picked-up look about her house is most refreshing. Susie knows the quiet calm will not last for holidays and vacations arrive, bringing not only Susie's own children home again, but "that cute boy I wrote you about" will come, too.

Even while they are away at school there'll be constant contact. The smart young things soon find the magic of reversed telephone calls. The 'phone rings when they think they've failed a BlueBook, when they've been pinned or maybe de-pinned. There'll be weeping and wailing over the 'phone, but by the time a letter of consolation reaches the campus—you have guessed it—they've made it up and enjoy reading your letter over a coke!

In this last third, there's a feeling of closeness between Susie and her husband that was not possible when surrounded by young children and their playmates, or by teens with their TV in the parlor, hit parade on the kitchen radio, long playing records in the bedroom—and remember the telephone conversations.

A woman, as we said, can't drop her friends when the house is over-run with little ones and expect to pick them up fifteen years later where she left off. It doesn't work that way. Her friends will find new interests. They will outgrow her while she vegetates at home. Our Susie, fortunately, used moderation in housekeeping. She kept up her church and community activity in a modest kind of way. She helped her children prepare for free and independent living in college, and later in homes of their own. She encouraged them to become mature adults, to manage their own lives and their own families. Now the time has come to cut the apron strings. She does not try to hold on to her children, but looks around to find for herself a new aim for this last third of life.

And for Susie this new life challenge will not be merely attendance at a senior citizens' club. She will sign up for a course at the art center, or in creative writing at a near-by university. She may accept that volunteer job on the YWCA board, for the community hospital, or on the United Fund. Our Susie has not allowed herself to stagnate within the walls of her home, but has kept up an intelligent interest in the community. She is ready and eager for the challenge of this last third of life.

Unlike Susie, however, there are those who cannot make the adjustment in a satisfactory manner without help. The church has a responsibility here. It can help men and women work out a new life aim worthy of their efforts in this "best years of our life" period.

Now let's summarize what we have been saying about the three stages of a woman's life, described by Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist, author, and lecturer, as the *before* children, *during* children, and *after* children stages:

1. Look homeward, mother, for ways to live creatively in the *during* children stage. Memorize poetry while ironing, redecorate the dining room as you get dinner—in your mind of course. Stretch your thinking with snatches from a book propped over the kitchen sink.

2. Continue outside contacts through moderate participation in church and community affairs. Don't let personal friendship wither and die from neglect.

3. Encourage your children to be independent, to seek lives of their own. Be ready to cut the apron strings.

In the first third of life you did what mother, father, teacher told you to do. In the middle of life your children told you when to come in out of the rain, and in a nice kind of way arranged a schedule of jobs for you before setting out to school. Now, that the last third of life is here, you are free for what *you* want to do. You've earned the privilege.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: Verda Albrecht (Mrs. William O. Albrecht)
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Division of Christian Training
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Emphases for 1960-1961

For Chairmen of Leadership Training

1. Promote leadership training yearly emphasis.

During the program year 1960-1961, American Baptist women will focus their emphasis on the realm of spiritual life. The emphasis for the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is "Mission in the Local Church."

The National Council of American Baptist Women introduced this emphasis, "Mission in the Local Church," at the National Women's Conference held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, in July, 1959. The method to be used for the development of the 1960-1961 leadership training emphasis is Depth Bible Study. During the National Women's Conference, the state chairmen of Spiritual Life and the state chairmen of Leadership Training received training in a workshop on Depth Bible Study to enable them to conduct a period of training for the association chairmen of Spiritual Life and the association chairmen of Leadership Training at their state house parties.

"Mission in the Local Church" is concerned with the renewal of the church as a necessity for evangelism. This demands a recovery of the use of the Bible as the word of God. It requires a recovery of the meaning of unity in the life of the church as a people of God. The chairmen of Spiritual Life are serving on the state, association, and church Baptist Jubilee Advance committees making plans for this second-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. In practically all states this committee held training sessions in February and March. It is the responsibility of the chairman of Spiritual Life to explain the women's participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program.

→ The Woman's Baptist Mission Society will strive to relate every active and inactive woman to all phases of the program which is being planned by the church and by the Woman's Society.

→ The chairmen of Leadership Training will want to lend their complete and steadfast support to every phase of this program.

→ Every American Baptist woman will want to enter wholeheartedly into this program of Depth Bible Study and church renewal as a necessity for evangelism.

2. Use Group Conversation to integrate reorganized Circles.

Many societies rotate their circle membership every two years. This is an excellent plan. It keeps the members busy and active in a common cause. It tends to lessen the possibility of the circles forming cliques and becoming ingrowing rather than developing into an effective far-reaching organization.

During the program year 1960-1961 many societies will be reorganizing or shifting the circle membership. Use Group Conversation as a method to help members in becoming acquainted one with another. Splendid results were achieved in a spirit of fellowship and unity through Group Conversations held during 1959-1960. Choose a topic that is new—one that has not been used previously in your Woman's Society, circle, or church. See how quickly the members of the newly formed circle adjust and accept their places in the circle. Group Conversation should be the program for the very first session after circle reorganization.

In forming a *new* circle, use *The Magic Circle* as your guide. Order *The Magic Circle* from your nearest American Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, 35 cents.

3. Conduct a Job Analysis Workshop

→ Hold a job analysis workshop in each state, association, and local society as soon as possible after election. We are all faced with the truth that none of us knows all there is to know about our office. Each year we have new women accepting places of service and needing more training. Job analysis is, therefore, something that should be a continuing process year after year. Be sure to urge potential leaders to attend this workshop.

→ Plan for a time during the workshop to present the organization of the Woman's Society, the purpose of divisions, display of resource literature, as well as a time for stressing the responsibilities of officers and chairmen.

→ Include, if possible, a division meeting, to give opportunity for each division to plan for the year's work.

→ Use the *Leader's Guide*. It is a must for helping you to set up this conference. Secure *Leader's Guide* from your nearest American Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, 50 cents.

→ Use the following resource material: *Annual Report Book, Goals, Constitution,* and The American Baptist Woman.

[1] American Baptist bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

4. Act as Circle Co-ordinator

Are you, as chairman of Leadership Training, meeting the responsibility as circle co-ordinator? This was a 1959-1960 goal upon which we shall continue to concentrate during 1960-1961.

Many chairmen of Leadership Training are only now becoming aware that acting as circle co-ordinator is one of their responsibilities. Therefore this duty needs to be kept in the foreground as a special goal for the program year 1960-1961.

Remain on the alert for new women entering the doors of your church. Be sure that an invitation is extended to them to become a part of the mission groups in your church. Assign them to a circle. Be sure that they are made to feel welcome and that they participate in the work of the circle and of the Woman's Society. A circle that is functioning properly increases the total interest in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Working toward these four emphases, or goals, can create for one a renewed dedication and a sense of satisfaction when the goal has been accomplished.

Depth Bible Study

Goal number one is "promoting the yearly emphasis in Leadership Training." During 1960-1961 the emphasis is in the area of Spiritual Life. The method to be used for developing the emphasis is Depth Bible Study.

Reference is made again to this emphasis and to the method to be used for developing the emphasis in an effort to clarify . . .

- 1. the duties that the chairman of Spiritual Life will have as a member of the *church* Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee as she explains women's participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program;
- 2. the duty carried by the chairman of Leadership Training and the chairman of Spiritual Life as they promote the Leadership Training Emphasis in the women's work for 1960-1961, which is Depth Bible Study.

→ Many chairmen of Leadership Training and of Spiritual Life received training at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake in July 1959. Those chairmen who were unable to attend the Green Lake Training Session will be able to conduct a conference with the aid of the following:

(a) "Guide for Conference on Depth Bible Study";
(b) "Guide for Depth Bible Study";
(c) "Depth and Encounter Study of the Bible."

→ "The Guide for Conference on Depth Bible Study" has been sent in sufficient quantity to the state chairman of Leadership Training to supply association counterparts at the state training conferences.

→ The booklet "Guide for Depth Bible Study" may be obtained from the nearest American Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, 25 cents. The chairman of Spiritual Life and the chairman of Leadership Training will wish to get copies of this booklet. The state may desire five copies for the five members of the Planning Committee.

→ The leaflet, "Depth and Encounter Study of the Bible," a reprint of Dr. Ross Snyder's article in *The High Call, Spring, 1960,* may be obtained by writing to Dr. Ross Snyder, 5757 University Avenue, Chicago 7, Illinois. The leaflet is priced as follows: 5 copies, 25 cents; 100 copies, four dollars.

→ The **state** chairman of Leadership Training and Spiritual Life will conduct conferences for the association chairman of Leadership Training and Spiritual Life in connection with the state house parties, either prior to, or following the house party. The **association** chairmen will, in turn, conduct a similar conference for the local chairmen of Leadership Training and Spiritual Life. The **local** chairmen will train the corresponding women in the circles or whoever is responsible for that area of work and can hold the Depth Bible Studies in each circle.

→ In a small Woman's Society, without circles, the chairman of Leadership Training and the chairman of Spiritual Life—after receiving training at the association conference—will conduct the Depth Bible Study in the Woman's Society.

→ The Planning Committee is composed of the chairman of Leadership Training, the chairman of Spiritual Life, the vice-president of Christian Training, the vice-president of Business and Professional Women and the president, ex officio. This committee carries the responsibility for setting up the conference for the training of the chairmen of Leadership Training and Spiritual Life.

Report Time

It is vitally important that complete and accurate reports are sent by every chairman of Leadership Training in time to meet the deadline. The compilation of the national report depends upon the completion and prompt mailing of all local, association, and state reports. If a careful record has been kept throughout the year, the annual report will be completed easily.

Train—Prepare—Serve

It is our duty as chairmen of Leadership Training to train ourselves as well as to help train others. Many opportunities arise during the course of a year, of which if advantage is taken will tend to increase our knowledge, develop our leadership ability, and deepen our spirituality. The more adept we become in the use of various techniques, the better our leadership. Take advantage of summer conferences, denominational, and interdenominational.

We can better prepare ourselves by reading and rereading our goals and our objectives. We can improve our leadership by reading magazine articles and books on leadership techniques. A study of the books and pamphlets listed in "Literature Highlights" under Leadership Training will add to our effectiveness as leaders.

We should become well-versed in the proper procedure for conducting a business meeting. Be sure to have a copy of "Parliamentary Procedure" in your workbook.

Thank God for opportunities for service. Seek and follow his guidance. Set aside a special time each day for prayer and communion with God. Our task is too important and too difficult to try to accomplish it through our own power. We must have God's help.

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: Golda Morford
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Division of Business and Professional Women
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases for 1960-1961

Universal Goal . . .

To help the employed woman find her place in a group of Christian business and professional women through which she can:

1. Develop spiritually, intellectually, and culturally.
2. Serve her church, community, nation, and world.
3. Recognize her opportunity to be a witness in the business, professional, industrial, and academic world.
4. Build through daily enrichment for a leisure which will be rich, full, vital, and satisfying.

Specific Goals

→ **I.** As the vice-president of Business and Professional Women in my *local* society, my goals are to:

1. Organize in my church at least one group of employed women, associated with the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.
2. Extend an invitation to every employed woman in my church to become a member of the Business and Professional Women's group or circle, and to prepare a list of names of potential leaders for the nominating committee.
3. Co-operate in every way possible with the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and become familiar with the total program.
4. Attend, whenever possible, meetings of the association, State Convention, American Baptist Convention; and also the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.
5. Become acquainted with my association vice-president of Business and Professional Women.
6. Keep a workbook and file of materials to be given to my successor.

→ **II.** As the vice-president of Business and Professional Women in my *association*, my goals are to:

1. Become acquainted with each local vice-president and encourage her in carrying out the duties of her office as vice-president of Business and Professional Women.
2. Make a survey of the employed women in the churches with no organized Business and Professional Women's group and assist in organizing such a group.
3. Hold a rally or get-together at least once a year for the employed women in the churches in my association.
4. Forward information and materials received from my local vice-presidents *to* my state vice-president of Business and Professional Women, and *from* my state vice-president to my local vice-president of Business and Professional Women.
5. Keep in contact with my state vice-president and share with her ideas and suggestions for the program of our division of Business and Professional Women.
6. Attend association meetings and present the plans and goals of this division.

→ **III.** As the vice-president of Business and Professional Women in my *state*, my goals are to:

1. Become acquainted with each association vice-president of Business and Professional Women and share her plans for this division.
2. Hold a rally or retreat for all employed women in addition to the house party.
3. Forward information and materials received from the national vice-president of Business and Professional Women to my association vice-presidents.
4. Keep in contact with the national vice-president of Business and Professional Women and forward to her ideas and suggestions for the program of the business and professional women.
5. Attend state meetings and present the program for the division of Business and Professional Women.

Looking Ahead

As we plan for our business and professional women's work for the year 1960-1961, let us continue to emphasize the goals toward which we have worked this past year. Let us put special emphasis upon our "Universal Goal," remembering particularly the needs of women who are not now members of any church.

For several years we have rightly concerned ourselves with employed women whose names are on the membership rolls of our churches. Many of these women we find *within* our churches but inactive in the women's program of the churches. Our goal has been to draw those women into active participation in our American Baptist Business and Professional Women's groups. We must continue to develop a program which will help these gainfully employed women to find their places in our groups of Christian business and professional women.

As we continue our efforts to activate and to reactivate Baptist employed women's interest and participation in the work of the division of Business and Professional Women of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, should we not also be increasingly concerned about the so-called "unchurched" employed women whose names do not appear upon our church membership rolls; the women whom we hear frequently say: "We are not interested in church," or "We have no time for church; we are too busy earning a living."

When you think of these women are you reminded of the story of the lame man who lay at the gate of the temple? Remember how upon seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, the lame man asked an alms. Peter said to him, "Look at us." The lame man "fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive material aid. But Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'" And Peter "took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God."

Peter and John were going into the church, but they stopped for the man *outside the gate*.

A group of thirty-five employed women representing ten Baptist business and professional women's groups in ten separate churches recently reported really exciting increases in group membership. Only *two* of the ten churches represented, however, could report a new member who had not previously been on the rolls of their own churches. And those two churches reported only a total of three women from "outside the gate." We must, it is true, activate and reactivate our own Baptist employed women, but we must also be alert to the needs of women whose names do not appear on the membership roll of any church. As we go *into* our churches, let us stop for the women "outside the gates."

It was upon seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple that the lame man asked an alms. From Peter's reply we can believe that the lame man sought material help—silver or gold.

Today in every metropolis, every town, every little village there are working women. The number of women working is increasing not only year by year but day by day. Some of the women are working because of economic reasons; others because of a desire for personal achievement. All, however, are working for a wage. They seek the material goods life has to offer. Many are so busy being *gainfully* employed and so busy improving themselves to become *more gainfully* employed that they do not realize that the restless seeking which holds them in its grip is a yearning for something which cannot be purchased with silver or gold. They, too, are lame. They, too, need healing. They, too, hunger for more than "silver and gold."

The lame man sought silver and gold and he remained lame. Peter and John concerned themselves about him and they offered themselves as Christian witnesses. They offered him the hand of fellowship. And the lame man was healed.

→ Are Baptist employed women concerned about the employed women outside the church?

→ Are members of Baptist business and professional women's circles or groups concerned about those women who are seeking only material satisfaction and yet are, in their souls, yearning for something—they know not what?

Of course we are concerned! We have been so concerned with the women within our churches that we have found little time to emphasize our concern for the women not yet on church rolls. Might we not in 1960-1961 begin stopping beside the women "outside the gate"?

Peter said, "Look at us."

Do the women with whom we talk, with whom we work, see, as they look at us, the inner peace and joy that is ours through Christ? Dare we Baptist business and professional women say to the employed women outside the church, "Look at us"?

Because of the concern and the Christian witness and the fellowship of Peter and John, the lame man "stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking, and leaping, and praising God."

As we try to help employed women find their places in our groups of Christian business and professional women, let us . . .

- Remember, particularly, the needs of the women who are not now on the membership rolls of any church.
- Concern ourselves about them.
- Strive to let them see Christ through us.
- Offer to them the hand of fellowship that with us they may "enter the temple," and praise God.

Predictions Challenge Us

Leaders of Baptist business and professional women's groups will respond to the opportunities suggested by the predictions made in the article entitled, "What the United States Will Be Like Ten Years from Now," published in the *U. S. News and World Report* of November 9, 1959.

According to this article, we may expect a 25 per cent increase in our population under twenty years of age; a 13 per cent increase between the ages of twenty to sixty-four; and a 27 per cent increase in the population over sixty-five.

This means that the working population (20-64) will be the smallest proportion of the total population. At the same time as the working population may tend to become small, the employment will increase because of a 45 per cent increase in our spending. Increased spending will increase employment. Increased employment and decreased working population will necessitate more employment of women.

According to predictions, we can look for increases in population in practically every state of the United States. Are the leaders of Baptist business and professional women's groups and circles ready for the increased opportunities which always result from large scale increases in population?

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: Eloise Beynon (Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr.)
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Goal for 1960-1961

A Fellowship Guild in every American Baptist church, with each chapter co-operating in the emphasis of second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

This is an ambitious goal, but one that can be attained if every counselor—state, association, local—will do her part within her given area of concern.

Promote Fellowship Guild whenever and wherever you can among junior high, senior high, and older youth age groups.

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For the Fellowship Guild Counselor

Refer to the *Leader's Guide,* in your workbook, from the 1958 spring issue of The American Baptist Woman. From this guide select a number of goals to be achieved by you personally. Choose several items for which you feel the chapter needs help. Goals which should be before *all of us all the time* follow:

I. Assist the girls to . . .

1. Adopt the "Guild Goals" for 1960-1961.
2. Use the Program Kits for their own age groups.
3. Work on the Program of Degrees.
4. Complete the White Cross quotas and send them on time.

II. Encourage the girls to . . .

1. Attend state and national Guild house parties, association or district rallies, state B.Y.F. conventions, and other B.Y.F. activities.
2. Help finance their own program through dues or personal contributions, part of which should go for state and association dues.
3. Take Love Gift boxes, fill them and take them to the chapter meetings for dedication.
4. Participate in all B.Y.F. activities, including Sunday morning and Sunday evening meetings.
5. Take part in the Guild Reading Program.

III. See that the chairman of your chapter becomes an active member of the B.Y.F. cabinet for her age group. (Refer to Chapter III, "Guild Guide.")

IV. Serve on the . . .

1. Committee on Youth Work in the board of education of your church.
2. Board of managers of the local Woman's Society in your church.

V. Train and assist counselors of other chapters in the church.

VI. Prepare . . .

1. An accurate record of all activities.
2. The local annual report and send it to your association Fellowship Guild Counselor before the deadline.
3. White Cross report forms completely filled out as directed when quotas have been mailed.
4. An up-to-date workbook.

Our Director Departs

During the January meetings of the Board of Education and Publication, held in New York City, the resignation of Miss Marjorie Wilson, as director of Missionary World Outreach and Fellowship Guild, was presented and accepted. Guild has been a real part of her life: first, as a Guild girl in her church; and later participating in many areas of service in the association, state, and nationally.

Upon completion of her studies at the Baptist Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Marjorie Wilson gave a year as a Disciple Interne, promoting specifically the Fellowship Guild. At the close of her interne year, she became the director of Missionary World Outreach and Fellowship Guild, and for the past two years has done a most commendable piece of work in many areas of the Youth Department. The sincerity with which she approaches each task as well as her devotion to the Fellowship Guild philosophy will always be remembered.

Marjorie Wilson will continue as the director of Missionary World Outreach and Fellowship Guild throughout the summer months. In the fall she will enter Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. We are glad that she has made this decision, but regret that she will no longer be serving our denomination in her present capacity. I bespeak your prayers for Marjorie Wilson as she moves towards larger service.

One Dollar . . . Two . . . Five . . . Ten Dollars!

From forty-three chapters in seventeen states seventy-one dollars have been received for the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund. The balance of the principal of the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund is now $4,657.84. This amount represents an increase since April, 1959, of $141.00. The balance in the Income Fund of the Alma

Noble Scholarship Fund was $287.83 at the end of December 1958; a balance of $293.70, at the close of December 1959, indicates that the amount is increasing, slowly to be sure but steadily. From this Income Fund, one hundred dollars has recently been expended for the second-semester tuition of this year's recipient of the Alma J. Noble Scholarship.

All this is good news and heartwarming too. Now, as your national Fellowship Guild Counselor, I have set, as my personal goal, five hundred dollars as the amount to be raised in one year from Guild girls across the American Baptist Convention as their contribution to the Alma J. Noble Scholarship Fund. Recalling that last year's annual report showed a total of twelve hundred chapters of Guild girls, is it not possible that 1960 might be the year when more of these chapters may be challenged to give to this fund, thus making this the year when contributions could total five hundred dollars?

Magazine and newspaper articles are constantly calling attention to the need for higher education. In the promotion of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, CHEC (Christian Higher Education Challenge) is ever before us as a means to that end. Therefore, let the need for the Scholarship Fund be emphasized at the next chapter meeting of your Guild.

The Guild girls of Dilltown Memorial Church in Pennsylvania have reported: "Last year we also sent a contribution to the Scholarship Fund and we are glad that our money can do some good for others. We feel an unexpected amount of joy knowing that we, a group of teen-age girls, can do something good."

This is just one of many similar comments which have come from girls in the past months. Even one dollar from every chapter could make a great difference in the lives of several girls now approaching college age.

Take My Life

→ Who? Fellowship Guild Girls

→ What for? The eleventh annual house party

→ When? July 9-16, 1960

→ Where? Green Lake, Wisconsin

→ Why? For many reasons, two of which follow:

1. From across the American Baptist Convention come Guild girls seeking others of like mind as well as opportunities for fun, study, inspiration, and also for "a closer walk with God."

2. Outstanding leaders have been selected to guide the thoughts of girls and counselors. "Skills and Vocations" will be a part of each day's study; varied programs will be offered each evening. The Friday evening program will include the dedication of our Love Gift, White Cross, and newly-elected officers.

The Degree of Light is now available for those who have fulfilled the requirements for the Degree of Rose and Degree of Color. This degree completes the three in the Program of Degrees.

Order the three Degrees from the Fellowship Guild, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, five cents each.

The conferring ceremony will be available soon.

Love Gift Dedications

At the 1959 house party, during a discussion on specific dedication services of Love Gifts for the Guild chapters, counselors were asked to write such a service and to encourage the girls in their chapters to do so also.

Mrs. Hugh J. Crandall, Fellowship Guild Counselor, Nebraska Woman's Baptist Mission Society has presented us with the following service for which we express our appreciation.

Love Gift Dedication

[Two readers: one for "The Word of God"; the other, "Thought of the Heart."]

THE WORD OF GOD: "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9 RSV).

THOUGHT OF THE HEART: "Love is the filling from one's own, another's cup . . . ." (Anon.)

THE WORD OF GOD: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11).

THOUGHT OF THE HEART: "That love for one from which there doth not spring wide love for all is but a worthless thing." (J. R. Lowell)

THE WORD OF GOD: "He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. And he said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; . .'" (Luke 21:1-3 RSV).

THOUGHT OF THE HEART: "Love is not blind, but looks abroad through other eyes; and asks not, "Must I give?" but "May I sacrifice?" (Anon.)

THE WORD OF GOD: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

THOUGHT OF THE HEART:

I would send love—
To those who serve my Lord in every place,
To those who move and speak and write
And seek in every way to help me
Grow in grace.

I would send love—
To those who speak for Christ
In places far away,
Who daily give themselves to make Him known—
To show mankind The Way.

I would send love—
To feed the little children, to answer mother-prayers,
To help men newly-born, now seeking
To serve a God who cares.

I would send love—
Lord, bless the little that I give.
Take with it my heart's love,
And may it be that all who shall receive
And I who give, may grow
In loving Thee. —*Nellie Crandall*

THE WORD OF GOD: "We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19 RSV).

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *[in unison]* Our loving Father, we dedicate to thee our gifts of love; and ask that thy love shall go with them, multiplying their power and usefulness. In the name of Christ, our Lord, Amen.

To the Recording Secretaries

From: Louise Reagan
(Mrs. William L. Reagan)

National Recording Secretary
National Council of American Baptist Women

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Dear Secretaries:

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).

This is our special scripture. It was very effectively applied by Mrs. Brooks Robertson, recording secretary of Kansas Woman's Baptist Mission Society, in a recent letter, to her association secretaries, in which she wrote: "Some of you, like myself, have just been elected to the responsible office of recording secretary. The responsibility of accurate reporting of our Woman's Baptist Mission Society and board meetings rests upon us . . . we are recording history for future generations to read. We hope our generation will help them so that they may do bigger and better things to glorify our Saviour. . . ."

The Matter of Minutes

A secretary's primary duty is to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, of the meetings of the executive committee, and of the board of managers.

→ What should be recorded? Action! Only such action as was actually taken!

→ What form should the minutes take? They should be clear and brief. It is not necessary to record what was said or give the reasons leading up to the decision, but it is necessary to record the action upon which a definite vote was taken.

→ When should the minutes be made available? They should be written up as soon after the meeting as possible, and a copy should be furnished to the president.

Order of Business

The following is an accepted form of "The Order of Business" for a business meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call. Sometimes omitted, taken silently and reported that a quorum is present.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Standing committee reports.
6. Special committee reports.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Postponed business.
9. New business (the program).
10. Adjournment.

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To the Treasurers

From: Evelyn Lloyd
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National Treasurer
National Council of American Baptist Women

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Emphases for 1960-1961

The Treasurer Dreams . . .

→ 1. Every society working on a budget!

→ 2. Every budget imaginatively practical and diversified!

→ 3. Every budget balanced!

What treasurer would awake from such a dream! But some questioner will surely disturb your trance with a loud "How?" The question need not destroy the dream. The answer is real and simple—although its materialization is not yet a reality and encounters difficulties that are complex.

Money is prosaic stuff—just dollars and cents—but when it is poured into Christian enterprise it becomes an amazingly vital power in a distressed world. However, the geographical limits to which this power may go are largely set by the extent to which our money will underwrite the inevitable costs. Jesus pointed out a woman with two mites to teach us twentieth century women a lesson in stewardship. Actually, centuries before that day in the Temple, the definition of approved stewardship had already been drawn—tithing!

Budget Balancer!

Tithing is not a gift, but an acknowledgment of the Lord's part in our lives; hence, tithing is a careful investment of His share in His Kingdom enterprises. This is stewardship, and stewardship is not confined to money. Time and talents also, shared with Him who gave them to us, are dispensed in a joyful stewardship. We are expected by Him to do the *best* we can with what we have and are. Our response is the measure of our stewardship.

Tithers balance budgets! Tithers are interested in how God's share of their income is spent. Tithers don't say, "We'll raise the money somehow, perhaps with a bazaar." They simply say, "Here is the Lord's money—put it to work." Then, likely as not, the tither goes to work putting the Lord's money to work! Tithers in a church vitalize its program; they are a source of strength which God has promised will never be depleted.

So, treasurers, preach consecrated stewardship.

→ Stir the Baptist conscience deeply, at least as deep as the tithing level!